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### THE WORLD IN 2021

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AUSTRALIA, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 1 January 2021:

### **Australia changes word in anthem to honor Indigenous people**



Australia has changed one word in its [national anthem](#) to reflect what the prime minister called "the spirit of unity" and the country's Indigenous population. Prime Minister Scott Morrison on New Year's Eve announced that the second line of the anthem, Advance Australia Fair, has been changed from "For we are young and free" to "For we are one and free." The change took effect on January. 1. "It is time to ensure this great unity is reflected more fully in our national anthem," he said, adding that Australia was the "most successful multicultural nation on Earth." "While Australia as a modern nation may be relatively young, our country's story is ancient, as are the stories of the many First Nations peoples whose stewardship we rightly acknowledge and

MEDITERRANEAN

UK, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 4 January 2021: **UK**

### **judge refuses extradition of WikiLeaks founder Assange**



A British judge has rejected the United States' request to extradite [WikiLeaks](#) founder Julian [Assange](#) to face espionage charges, saying it would be "oppressive" because of his mental health. District Judge Vanessa Baraitser said on Jan. 4 Assange was likely to commit suicide if sent to the U.S. The U.S. government said it would appeal the decision. U.S. prosecutors have indicted Assange on 17 espionage charges and one charge of computer misuse over WikiLeaks' publication of leaked military and diplomatic documents a decade ago. The charges carry a maximum

AFRICA

MADAGASCAR, UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (ROME), 2 JANUARY 2021:

### **Madagascar: Humanitarian Crisis Looms in Southern Madagascar As Drought and Pandemic Double Number of Hungry People.**

Antananarivo — Three consecutive years of drought coupled with a sharp recession triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic will leave a third of the population in Southern Madagascar struggling to put food on the table. With severe malnutrition rates continuing to spiral and many children forced to beg in order to help their families eat, urgent action is required to prevent a humanitarian crisis. With drought conditions persisting into 2021 and a poor last harvest, weary communities have few resources to fall back on and many have had to leave their homes in search of food and work. Some 1.35 million people are projected to be food insecure - 35% of the region's population. The figure is nearly double what it was in

ASIA

CHINA, *South China Morning Post* ([Natalie Wong](#), [Danny Lee](#), [Chris Lau](#) and [Phila Siu](#)), 6 January 2021: **Hong Kong national security law: 53 former opposition lawmakers, activists arrested; authorities accuse them of plot to 'overthrow' government.**



Opposition activist Benny Tai is taken to Ma On Shan Police Station after his arrest. Photo: Bloomberg. Nearly 1,000 police officers conduct raids across city, detaining 53 people accused of organising or involvement in unofficial primary election last July. Authorities say the '35-plus' plan to take control of the 70-member legislature in now-postponed official elections ran afoul of the national security law. More than 50 former opposition lawmakers and activists were arrested on Wednesday on subversion charges in the biggest crackdown yet under Hong Kong's national security law, with authorities accusing them of a plot to "overthrow" the

respect," Morrison said. "In the spirit of unity, it is only right that we ensure our national anthem reflects this truth and shared appreciation." Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt said in a statement that he had been asked about the change and had given it his support. Wyatt, the first Indigenous Australian elected to the federal Parliament's lower house, said the one-word change was "small in nature but significant in purpose."

USA, *The Washington Post* (*Rosalind S. Helderman, Karoun Demirjian, Seung Min Kim and Mike DeBonis*), 7 January 2021: **Congress affirms Biden's win. Hours after pro-Trump mob storms U.S. Capitol, House and Senate reconvene to confirm president-elect's victory. Congress affirms Biden's presidential win following riot at U.S. Capitol.**



Members of Congress, shaken and angry following a violent

sentence of 175 years in prison.

ITALY, *El Pais* (**DANIEL VERDÚ**), 13 January 2021: **Renzi abre una crisis de Gobierno en Italia al retirar a sus ministras del Ejecutivo de Conte.**



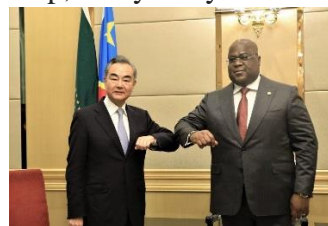
Matteo Renzi, durante la rueda de prensa donde ha anunciado la dimisión de sus ministras. En vídeo, parte de sus declaraciones. (FOTO: AFP | VÍDEO: REUTERS). El líder de Italia Viva cumple su amenaza e inicia un proceso que puede terminar con la dimisión del primer ministro esta semana.

El líder de Italia Viva, Matteo Renzi, ha cumplido finalmente con su amenaza y ha obligado a dimitir a las ministras de su partido del Gobierno de coalición italiano. El movimiento abre una crisis todavía sin una salida a la vista que provocará, con toda probabilidad, la dimisión del primer ministro Giuseppe Conte esta misma semana. Las incógnitas son muchas. Es incluso posible que el primer ministro sea nombrado de nuevo para encabezar un tercer Ejecutivo esta misma legislatura. Pero la situación del país es de extrema fragilidad y el presidente de la República, Sergio Mattarella, deberá ahora comenzar una ronda de consultas para encontrar una salida.

DENMARK, *Euronews*, 14 January 2021: **Inger Støjberg: Denmark's ex-immigration**

the same period last year. The COVID-19 pandemic has added to the hardship, causing seasonal employment to dry up. Many families relied on this income to get through the lean season, which peaks between January and April.

CONGO, *South China Morning Post* (*Jevans Nyabiage*), 7 January 2021: **China cancels Democratic Republic of Congo loans as it joins belt and road.** Beijing writes off US\$28 million in matured loans and pledges US\$17 million of support in a country where Chinese firms already dominate mining sector. But the African nation owed a relatively small debt to China and still needs to rally more international help, analyst says.



Wang Yi meets Democratic Republic of Congo's President Felix Tshisekedi in Kinshasa on Wednesday. Photo: Xinhua. China has cancelled the Democratic Republic of Congo's interest-free loans that matured in 2020 and promised to fund infrastructure projects as the Central African nation

government. Nearly 1,000 police officers conducted raids across the city, detaining 53 people accused of organising or involvement in the pan-democratic camp's unofficial, primary run-off election last July in which 610,000 voters took part. Officials said the "35-plus" plan by opposition politicians to take control of the 70-member Legislative Council in now-postponed official elections ran afoul of the national security law as it was part of a wider strategy to paralyse the government, provoke Beijing into ending the "one country, two systems" policy under which Hong Kong is governed, and trigger international sanctions against China.

CHINA, *South China Morning Post* (*Liu Zhen*), 7 January 2021: **Xi Jinping orders China's military to be ready for war 'at any second'.** As the PLA kicks off its training programme for 2021, its ultimate commander stresses combat readiness and more hi-tech. Frontline frictions must be used to polish troop capabilities and training exercises need to incorporate technology, Xi said.

assault on the U.S. Capitol by a mob of President Trump's supporters, put a final stamp on President-elect Joe Biden's victory early Thursday morning and brought an end to a historically turbulent post-election period.



Ashli Babbitt was one of four fatalities from the violent coup attempt that wreaked havoc through the halls of Congress on Wednesday. Republicans had at one point planned to object to the electoral college votes in a series of states won by Biden, but after the storming of the Capitol, several GOP senators changed course, disputing only Arizona and Pennsylvania. Both challenges failed. Shortly after Congress affirmed Biden's win, Trump pledged an "orderly transition." The statement, tweeted by White House social media director Dan Scavino as Trump remained locked out of his own Twitter account, stops short of conceding or congratulating Biden. "Even though I totally disagree with the outcome of the election, and the facts bear me out, nevertheless there

### minister set to face impeachment trial



*Inger Støjberg served as Denmark's immigration minister from 2015 to 2019.* Copyright Peter Hove

Olesen/Polfoto via AP, File.

Denmark will hold its first political trial in three decades after the country's ruling party supported a vote in parliament to try a former immigration minister. Inger Støjberg served as Denmark's immigration minister from 2015 to 2019. In 2016, she issued an order to separate asylum-seeking couples where one of the pair was under the age of 18. The order separated 23 married couples, some of whom had one or more children together, before being halted. The Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman later found the order was illegal as it did not allow authorities to individually assess or consult those affected. Støjberg has denied knowingly breaking the law and says the policy was aimed to prevent child marriages in the country. An investigation into the so-called "child bride

joined the Belt and Road Initiative. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Beijing would write off loans to DRC worth an estimated US\$28 million to help the country overcome the impact of Covid-19, and give US\$17 million in other financial support. Interest-free loans account for only about 5 per cent of the loans China has advanced to Africa.

### SOMALIA, Dalsan Radio, 9 JANUARY 2021: **Somalia: PM Roble Declares Govt Will Hold Unilateral Elections Amid Wrangling.**



After holding talks with three regional states, Somali Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble has announced that elections will go forward, despite strong dissent among the country's leaders. Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble on Saturday announced the country will hold elections after holding talks with three regional states.

### CHAD, *Institute for Security Studies (Tshwane/Pretoria - ANALYSIS* By Remadji Hoinathy) **11 JANUARY 2021: West Africa:**



China's People's Liberation Army should use current conflicts to polish its troop capabilities, according to new year orders issued by Chinese President Xi Jinping. Photo: Reuters. In his first order of the new year to the country's armed forces, Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed the need for "full-time combat readiness" and said the People's Liberation Army must use frontline frictions to polish troop capabilities. Xi, who also chairs China's Central Military Commission (CMC), the top command body, said the PLA must be ready to "act at any second" as the country's armed forces kicked off the year's military training and exercises on Monday. He also ordered the PLA to "substantially increase" the use of technology in its exercises, and to keep up with the latest developments in military and hi-tech knowledge. These included the use of computer simulations and online combat in drills, as well as exploration of more opportunities to add hi-tech and the internet - known as tech+ and web+ - in training.

### IRAQ, *South China Morning Post (AP)*, 7 January 2021: **Iraq issues arrest warrant for Donald Trump over Soleimani**

will be an orderly transition on January 20th,” Trump said, noting that Congress’s action “represents the end of the greatest first term in presidential history.”

USA, *The Washington Post* (Opinion by the *Editorial Board*), 7 January 2021: **Trump caused the assault on the Capitol. He must be removed.**

USA, *NYT* (SHAILA DEWAN, NEIL MACFARQUHAR, JOHN ELIGON, CHRISTIAAN TRIEBERT, HALEY WILLIS, STELLA COOPER, CORA ENGELBRECHT, EVAN HILL and ARIELLE RAY), 7 January 2021: **Capitol Breach Draws Sharp Condemnation of Law Enforcement.**



The Capitol Police were clearly outnumbered and unprepared for the onslaught. And many saw a stark double standard.

USA, *La Nacion* (BBAA), 7 January 2021: **Washington mantendrá el estado de emergencia hasta la**

case" led to her resignation as vice-president of the Liberal Party. The move by the Social Democrats meant that a majority of the 179-seat Folketing was in favour of Støjberg facing the rarely used Court of Impeachment. Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said in a statement that the party supported the motion "on the basis of the clear legal assessments". Now a majority in parliament has decided the minister should face trial, Støjberg cannot appeal. If convicted, she faces a fine or maximum prison sentence of two years. Earlier this month, lawyers appointed by parliament had said that there was a legal basis to charge Støjberg after a commission report said the order was "clearly illegal". The former minister had also received warnings from her department that the practice was unlawful, the Commission found. Støjberg was considered an immigration hardliner and used her time in office to tighten rules for asylum seekers. In 2016, Denmark adopted a law requiring new arrivals to hand over valuables, including jewellery, to

## Boko Haram Blocks Lake Chad Trade Routes.



*Deutsche Welle*

Lake Chad. The Boko Haram insurgency has had devastating consequences on Lake Chad boat transporters, a socio-economic group that has been the locomotive of local trade for decades. An effective crisis response must address the needs of this often overlooked group. Interventions to deal with the Boko Haram threat have largely ignored the impact on the economic activity of boat drivers who have been affected since 2015. Not being able to cross over to Nigeria has deprived Chadian boat operators of their main, if not their only, source of livelihood. Before the Boko Haram crisis, generations of boat drivers contributed to a flourishing formal and informal economy based on the movement of people and goods. Their activity helped make the Lake Chad Basin a sub-regional trade hub. Compared to road transport, boats offered a faster solution to delivering large

**killing.** The arrest warrant was for a charge of premeditated murder, which carries the death penalty on conviction. It is unlikely to be carried out. Iranian General Qassem Soleimani and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis were killed in a US drone strike on Baghdad’s airport last January.



US President Donald Trump ordered the strike that killed General Qassem Soleimani and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis in Baghdad last January. Photo: AP. An arrest warrant was issued on Thursday for outgoing President Donald Trump in connection with the killing of an Iranian general and a powerful Iraqi militia leader last year, Iraq’s judiciary said. The warrant was issued by a judge in Baghdad’s investigative court tasked with probing the drone strike that killed General Qassem Soleimani and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis outside the capital’s airport last January, the court’s media office said. The strike on their motorcade was ordered by Trump, who later crowed that it had taken out “two [men] for the price of one”. Al-Muhandis was the deputy leader of the state-sanctioned Popular Mobilisation Forces, an umbrella group composed of an array of militias,

## toma de mando de Biden.



Un miembro de la Guardia Nacional vigila fuera del lado este del Capitolio de Estados Unidos el 07 de enero de 2021 en Washington, DC. **La ciudad de Washington ha extendido la orden de emergencia emitida el miércoles por la alcaldesa Muriel Bowser 15 días más para cubrir la investidura de Joe Biden y Kamala Harris y los días posteriores, lo que facilita la solicitud de recursos para proteger la ciudad y a sus habitantes.** "La alcaldesa de Washington, DC Muriel Bowser ha extendido la orden de emergencia pública, que incluye la posibilidad de establecer el toque de queda, por 15 días, o hasta el 21 de enero, el día después de la toma de posesión del presidente electo Joe Biden", informó *Bloomberg*. La decisión se tomó luego de que [cientos de partidarios del presidente Donald Trump irrumpieran en el Capitolio el miércoles](#) en un intento por revertir su derrota electoral, ocupando un símbolo de la

help pay for their stay in the country. The Court of Impeachment, which adjudicates cases where a government minister is accused of unlawful misconduct and misuse of office, was last used in 1995 and has only heard five cases since it was created in 1849. Only two ministers have been found guilty in the court's history. In 1995, former Justice Minister Erik Ninn-Hansen was given a suspended four-month prison sentence for preventing refugees from Sri Lanka from bringing their families to Denmark.

NETHERLAND, *Le Monde* (*Jean-Pierre Stroobants*), 15 January 2021: Le premier ministre des Pays-Bas, Mark Rutte, se résout à la démission, deux mois avant les législatives. Le premier ministre expédiera les affaires courantes tout en faisant campagne pour le scrutin de mars. Il anticipe le vote probable d'une motion de censure au sujet de fausses allégations de fraudes aux allocations familiales.



Mark Rutte à La Haye,

quantities of goods. This meant income for traders and boat drivers, and lower prices for consumers. Every week, canoes crowded with hundreds of people and goods (smoked fish, corn, wheat, cow and camel skins, among others), would leave Bol and Baga Sola in Chad, in the direction of Baga Kawa in Nigeria. Baga Kawa is an important commercial hub from where fishing, agricultural and livestock products are moved into Nigeria, and Nigerian manufactured products are traded into the other Lake Chad Basin countries.

ALGERIA-SOUTH AFRICA, *Algerie Presse Service* (*Algiers*), 12 JANUARY 2021: **Algeria: Algiers, Pretoria Agree to Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation.** Minister of Foreign Affairs Sabri Boukadoum and South Africa's International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor on Tuesday agreed to strengthen cooperation between Algeria and South Africa in the economic and commercial trade, and welcomed the convergence of views on regional and international issues, said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a communiqué.

including Iran-backed groups, formed to fight the Islamic State terrorist group. Soleimani headed the expeditionary Quds force of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps. The arrest warrant was for a charge of premeditated murder, which carries the death penalty on conviction. It is unlikely to be carried out but is symbolic in the waning days of Trump's presidency.

INDONESIA, *La Repubblica*, 15 January 2021: Indonesia, terremoto di magnitudo 6.2. Almeno 42 morti e centinaia di feriti. *Il sisma nei pressi dell'isola di Sulawesi. Distrutto un ospedale, migliaia di persone evacuate. [...]*.



Soccorritori in cerca di sopravvissuti all'ospedale Mitra Manakarra, in cui sono intrappolati in venti tra pazienti e sanitari (afp). L'ipocentro del sisma è stato a una profondità di 10 chilometri, stando alle rilevazioni dell'Emsc, il Centro sismologico euro-mediterraneo, e l'epicentro era a sei chilometri a nord-est della città di Majene.

INDIA, *Journal of Democracy* (*Madhav Khosla, Milan Vaishnav*), January

democracia estadounidense, lo que obligó al Congreso de Estados Unidos a posponer temporalmente la sesión para certificar la victoria del presidente electo Joe Biden.

*La Nacion (BBAA)*, 7 January 2021: **Toma del Capitolio: quién es Q-Shaman, el hombre que entró vestido con pieles y cuernos.**



Q-Shaman llamó la atención de todos los que estuvieron pendientes de la invasión del capitolio por parte de los seguidores de Donald Trump Crédito: Twitter. Un fenómeno inédito se vivió ayer a la tarde en los **Estados Unidos** cuando un grupo de seguidores [del presidente Donald Trump irrumpieron en el Capitolio](#) y se enfrentó con la policía en el interior del emblemático edificio, que es sede del poder legislativo estadounidense. Entre las imágenes de los disturbios que conmovieron al mundo entero, una figura resultó llamativa por la manera en la que estaba ataviada. Se trata de un hombre, que apareció en varias imágenes dentro del **Congreso** con el

le 15 janvier. REMKO DE WAAL / AFP. Drôle de crise, mais crise apparemment inévitable aux Pays-Bas : en pleine pandémie de Covid-19 et à deux mois seulement des élections législatives, prévues le 17 mars, le premier ministre libéral, Mark Rutte, a présenté, vendredi 15 janvier, sa démission au roi Willem-Alexander. Il dirigeait depuis octobre 2017 une coalition de quatre partis : le Parti populaire pour la liberté et la démocratie (VVD, libéral), l'Appel chrétien-démocrate (CDA), l'Union chrétienne (CU) et Démocrates 66 (D66, centristes pro-européens). C'est une affaire retentissante, celle dite « des allocations », qui aura scellé la fin de cette fragile alliance. Et c'est un rapport parlementaire sur ce scandale, présenté en décembre 2020, qui aura finalement entraîné l'éclatement de l'équipe ministérielle, la troisième que dirigeait M. Rutte, au pouvoir depuis 2010. Une commission constituée à la Chambre des députés pour enquêter sur « l'affaire des allocations » a conclu que quelque 26 000

As part of his working visit to South Africa, Boukadoum held "thorough discussions on bilateral ties and examined the means to strengthen them," said the source. The two officials particularly welcomed the quality of historical ties and strategic partnership between the two countries.

NIGERIA, *Premium Times* (OPINION By Azu Ishiekwene), **Africa: How Will Africa Remember Donald Trump? Here Is How.**



*Tia Dufour/White House/Flickr*. President Donald Trump in the White House on Friday, November 13, 2020. US President Donald Trump may have lost re-election but he would be escorted out of the White House on Tuesday night with a special prize: Africa's worst friend in modern times. Not that it matters to Trump one way or the other. We can only hope that after four years of spite, insults and hostilities, he might yet, in a fleeting moment of sanity, ask himself whether going out of his way to annoy or denigrate the continent

2021, No. 1, pp. 111-125: The Three Faces of the Indian State: Abstract: For more than seven decades, India's Constitution has provided a framework for liberal democracy to flourish in one of the world's most diverse societies. Legal changes and shifts in bureaucratic practices, however, have undermined central tenets of the prevailing order. In today's India, the assent of the people is both necessary and sufficient to justify all forms of state action. This article outlines three manifestations of India's new constitutionalism—the "ethnic state," the "absolute state," and the "opaque state." These distinct, yet overlapping faces of the Indian state have undermined the rule of law, equal citizenship, checks and balances, and democratic accountability.

CHINA, *Xinhua*, 18 January 2021: China's GDP tops 100 trln yuan in 2020.



[Tourists shop at a duty-free shopping mall in Sanya City, south China's Hainan Province, Oct. 5,](#)

torso desnudo y tatuado, con el rostro pintado con los colores de la bandera de los Estados Unidos y, sobre todo, con un gorro de piel al estilo de último de los mohicanos y cuernos.



USA, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 7 January 2021: **Twitter, Facebook, Instagram lock Trump's accounts.**

Twitter, Facebook and Instagram locked U.S. President Donald Trump's accounts for varying amounts of time on Jan. 6 over his inflammatory rhetoric after his supporters besieged the Capitol building.

GUATEMALA, *The Guardian*, 7 January 2021: Guatemala mine's ex-security chief convicted of Indigenous leader's murder. **Mynor Padilla pleaded guilty over death of Adolfo Ich in 2009. Mining firms accused of litany of abuses in Central America.**



familles avaient été victimes, depuis une dizaine d'années d'« injustices sans précédent ». La commission évoquait aussi de graves atteintes aux principes de l'Etat de droit. Littéralement traquées par l'administration et les services fiscaux qui enquêtaient sur des fraudes présumées aux allocations et aux indemnités pour frais de garde d'enfants, des familles ont vu leurs droits supprimés. Certaines ont dû rembourser des montants très importants. Or, il a été démontré que l'administration s'était, la plupart du temps, appuyée sur des données erronées et avait refusé de livrer des informations aux victimes de ses abus, comme au Parlement.

RUSSIA-TURKEY-PHILIPPINES-INDIA, *Journal of Democracy* ([Roberto Stefan Foa](#)), January 2021, No. 1, pp. 52-65: **Why Strongmen Win in Weak States:** abstract: Explanations for the rise of illiberal political movements in the West have focused upon the respective roles of economic grievances and "cultural backlash." However,

was worth all the trouble. Trump had a love affair with many parts of Africa, especially among young aspirational through his books on making money and his celebrity TV shows. But I guess it was just skin deep, purely transactional. The real Trump came to light after he was elected president. The signs were always there, though. During his campaign, he insulted immigrants and blamed them for all of America's problems, including lower testosterone levels. But whatever he thought of and said about immigrants before his election, what he said, did and tried to undo after his election was worse. He used punitive Executive Orders to target Muslims, especially those from Africa. He blamed immigrants for rape, drugs and violent crimes and for stealing American jobs on top of that. He incited racial hatred especially among far-right white groups and unleashed the demon that entered Derek Michael Chauvin who crushed George Floyd under his knee in daylight by a pavement. Trump abused lawmakers who wanted fairer immigration laws and accused them of

2020. China's gross domestic product (GDP) exceeded the 100-trillion-yuan (15.42 trillion U.S. dollars) threshold as it posted a 2.3 percent year-on-year expansion to 101.5986 trillion yuan in 2020, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed Monday. (Xinhua/Guo Cheng). China's gross domestic product (GDP) exceeded the 100-trillion-yuan (15.42 trillion U.S. dollars) threshold in 2020, official data showed Monday. The country, which saw its GDP increase 2.3 percent year on year to 101.5986 trillion yuan last year, is expected to be the only major economy to post growth in the pandemic-ravaged year, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). The hard-earned achievement marked a new economic milestone for the Chinese economy after the country's GDP per capita exceeded 10,000 U.S. dollars in 2019 for the first time in history. The advance also came as the world's second-largest economy won a decisive victory in poverty eradication last year while making historic achievements in the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

YEMEN, *El Pais* ([ÁNGELES ESPINOSA](#)), 19 January 2021: **Trump designa terroristas a los Huthi de Yemen a pesar de las advertencias de la**



Lorries exiting the Fenix mine in El Estor. At the time of the killing, the Fenix mining project was owned by Toronto-based Hudbay Minerals. Photograph: Guardian. A judge in **Guatemala** has accepted a guilty plea by the former head of security at Central America's largest nickel mine who was on trial for killing an Indigenous leader, in a rare conviction over human rights violations allegedly linked to Canadian-owned mining companies in the region. Mynor Padilla was found guilty on Wednesday of homicide for the 2009 fatal shooting of Adolfo Ich, a Maya Q'eqchi' teacher and community leader who opposed the Fenix mine outside the town of El Estor. "We have spent a long time seeking justice," Angélica Choc, Ich's widow, told the Guardian outside the courthouse, in Puerto Barrios, a port city 185 miles east of Guatemala City, following the ruling.

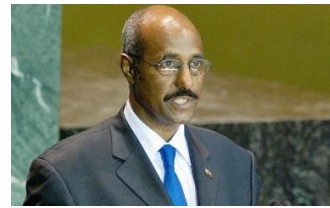
many "authoritarian populist" leaders outside the West—from Rodrigo Duterte in the Philippines to Vladimir Putin in Russia to Narendra Modi in India—derive their legitimacy neither from economic promises nor from social conservatism alone, but also from a third commitment: to restore public order and state authority. If we are to understand why this platform has been and continues to be appealing to voters, we must examine the ways in which state capacity has eroded in many developing democracies, resulting in a profound crisis of democratic confidence and a willingness to embrace populist alternatives.

PALESTINE, *Le Monde* (Louis Imbert), 16 January 2021: Mahmoud Abbas fixe un calendrier pour les élections palestiniennes. Quinze ans après les dernières élections nationales, les scrutins législatifs et présidentiel se tiendront respectivement le 22 mai et le 31 juillet.

encouraging an influx of aliens from "shithole countries."

ETHIOPIA, *African Arguments* (OPINION By Alex De Waal), 14 January 2021:

**Ethiopia: In Memoriam - Seyoum Mesfin, Ethiopian Peacemaker and Patriot.**



UN Photo/Mark Garten. Former Ethiopian foreign minister Seyoum Mesfin addressing the United Nations General Assembly in 2003. Seyoum Mesfin, who was killed in Tigray this week at the age of 71, was Ethiopia's longest-serving foreign minister. His untimely death robs Ethiopia of a man who exemplified the country's tradition of enlightened and progressive patriotism. Under other circumstances we would expect a national day of mourning and a state funeral, including national and international recognition of Seyoum's exceptional contribution to the norms, principles and practices of peace in Africa. As a radical student activist, Seyoum was one of the founders of the Tigray People's Liberation Front in 1975. Like many of his

ONU. Las organizaciones humanitarias denuncian que la medida les impide asistir a una población que está al borde de la hambruna.



Simpatizantes Huthi se manifiestan ante la Embajada de EEUU en Saná el pasado domingo, en protesta por la inclusión del grupo en la lista de organizaciones terroristas. MOHAMMED HUWAIS / AFP. Apenas 24 horas antes de que Donald Trump abandone la Casa Blanca, este martes está previsto que entre en vigor la decisión de su Gobierno de incluir a **los rebeldes Huthi de Yemen** en la lista de organizaciones terroristas. Las advertencias de la ONU y de las ONG que trabajan en ese país no han logrado frenar una medida que equiparan a "una sentencia de muerte para cientos de miles sino millones de personas inocentes". Aunque el nuevo presidente de Estados Unidos, Joe Biden, dé

“It is not going to bring my husband back, but I feel satisfied.”

Transnational mining corporations, most of them Canadian, their personnel, and state security forces have been accused by human rights groups of a litany of abuses in Central America, including the killings of mine opponents.

GUATEMALA, *El Pais (JOSÉ ELÍAS)*, 13 January 2021: **El presidente de Guatemala llega a su primer aniversario con índices de popularidad bajo mínimos.** Alejandro Giammattei resiente la baja eficacia en la lucha contra la corrupción, además del golpe de los huracanes y de la pandemia.



El presidente de Guatemala, Alejandro Giammattei, durante una rueda de prensa celebrada en Guatemala en febrero de 2020. LUIS ECHEVERRÍA /

REUTERS. **Alejandro Giammattei Falla**, un médico de 64 años que muy pronto abandonó la bata blanca para dedicarse a la política, **asumió la presidencia de Guatemala el 14 de enero de 2020** después de



Le président palestinien Mahmoud Abbas (à droite) remet le décret électoral au président de la Commission électorale centrale palestinienne, Hana Naser, à Ramallah, le 15 janvier 2021.

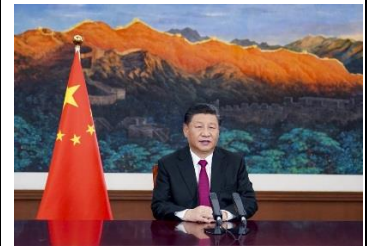
HANDOUT / VIA REUTERS. Quinze ans après les dernières élections nationales palestiniennes, le président Mahmoud Abbas a fini par publier, vendredi 15 janvier au soir, un décret qui fixe la tenue d'élections législatives puis présidentielle dans les territoires palestiniens. Sauf annulation encore éminemment possible, ces scrutins doivent se tenir le 22 mai puis le 31 juillet. Ils seront suivis le 31 août par le renouvellement du conseil national de l'Organisation de libération de la Palestine (OLP), l'organe représentatif des Palestiniens dans les territoires et en exil – un vote qui devra se tenir en Palestine et autant que faire se peut à l'étranger. Cette annonce était attendue depuis des mois, alors que le parti présidentiel, le Fatah, et

generation, he was an avid debater of different revolutionary ideas, and was one of the first to articulate the agenda of self-determination for the diverse nations, nationalities and peoples within the Ethiopian empire. He was appointed as head of foreign relations for the TPLF and became well-known internationally as the face of the Tigrayan struggle. I first met him in 1988, travelling within the TPLF-held areas of the country, and recall well the vigorous discussions we had about the challenges of the revolution and what should be their agenda when they took power. One of the things that most struck me about Seyoum was his lack of any personal bitterness towards the members of the military regime that was, at that time, waging unlimited war against the people of Tigray. The leaders of the Dergue, he assured me, would face justice.

ALGERIA-MOROCCO-SOUTH AFRICA, WESTERN SAHARA, **Algerie Presse Service**, 18 JANUARY 2021: **Africa: Western Sahara - Algerian-South African Joint Declaration in Line With AU Demands.**

marcha atrás, el daño puede resultar irreparable.

CHINA, *Xinhua*, 26 January 2021: **World Insights: Xi's Davos speech pivotal to multilateral cooperation.**



**Chinese President Xi Jinping attends the World Economic Forum (WEF) Virtual Event of the Davos Agenda and delivers a special address via video link in Beijing, capital of China, Jan. 25, 2021. (Xinhua/Li Xueren). No global problem can be solved by any one country alone, and there must be global action, global response and global cooperation, Chinese President Xi Jinping said.**

GENEVA, Jan. 26 (Xinhua) -- Chinese President Xi Jinping's new Davos speech was pivotal to boosting multilateral cooperation, leaders of international organizations, business executives and economists have said, stressing China's role as a growth engine in

cuatro intentos fallidos. Y recibió de su antecesor, [el comediante Jimmy Morales](#), un país en ruinas y arrodillado ante las mafias que han secuestrado el poder. La popularidad del nuevo mandatario al asumir el cargo era del 80%. Doce meses después, su aceptación es apenas de un 25%, según las últimas encuestas. La baja eficacia en el combate a la corrupción y su cuestionada gestión de la pandemia y del impacto de los huracanes están detrás de la caída, según los analistas consultados. Nadie pensaba que Giammattei pudiera obtener el triunfo. El promedio de su voto duro en los anteriores intentos era apenas del 13%. Pero el rechazo frontal que inspiraba su contendiente, la incombustible Sandra Torres Casanova, le permitió la victoria sin un plan de Gobierno y, mucho menos, un equipo con el cual enfrentar los enormes retos del cargo. El analista Edgar Gutiérrez califica a 2020 como un año "catastrófico" para Giammattei, para el Gobierno y para Guatemala. "La falta de acción estratégica del gobernante para hacer de la crisis una oportunidad se perdió, mientras el aparato

le Hamas, au pouvoir dans l'enclave de Gaza, avaient relancé leurs négociations. Mais M. Abbas seul en tenait la clé, et repoussait la publication du décret fixant un calendrier. Début janvier, le Hamas avait paru lever son exigence de voir les deux scrutins se tenir conjointement, au profit d'une rapide succession de l'un à l'autre, lors de pourparlers facilités par l'Egypte, le Qatar et la Turquie. Vendredi, la formation islamiste a salué le décret présidentiel et exprimé sa « forte volonté de faire de cette obligation un succès ».

ARAB COUNTRIES, *Journal of Democracy* ([Tarek Masoud](#)), 1, pp. 139-154: The Arab Spring at 10: Kings or People?: abstract Ten years after the onset of the Arab Spring, the Middle East and North Africa are torn between two visions of progress: a democratic one that seeks to replace the leaders who dominate the region, and an ostensibly modernizing one that seeks to replace the people who inhabit it. Though the latter project is currently ascendant, it is likely

Sahrawi Ambassador to South Africa, Mohamed Yeslem Beissat said that the Joint Declaration of Algeria and South Africa was in line with the requirements of the African Union (AU) regarding the need to meet the minimum conditions, namely Resolution 690 and the organization of the referendum to resolve the conflict in Western Sahara. In an interview with APS on Sunday, the Sahrawi diplomat said that "the conflict in Western Sahara is a question of self-determination and decolonization, which is the political position of the majority of countries, a position consistent with international legality." For Beissat, "the Makhzen's haste to normalize its relations with the Zionist entity will have no clear practical impact and will not change anything in the equation." After recalling that "the Moroccan regime invaded Western Sahara in 1975 with the support of the Ford Administration (former US president, editor's note) and built its defense lines with Israeli help and planning," the Sahrawi ambassador said that "Trump only declared relations that were secret. The Sahrawi

supporting global economic recovery. Addressing the World Economic Forum (WEF) Virtual Event of the Davos Agenda on Monday, Xi called on the world to abandon ideological prejudice and jointly follow a path of peaceful coexistence, mutual benefit and win-win cooperation. "Difference in itself is no cause for alarm. What does ring the alarm is arrogance, prejudice and hatred," Xi said. No global problem can be solved by any one country alone, and there must be global action, global response and global cooperation, Xi stressed.



This photo shows a screen displaying World Economic Forum (WEF) Founder and Executive Chairman Klaus Schwab delivering a welcome address. (Xinhua/Zhang Cheng) "The speech of President Xi Jinping was

estatal sigue hundiéndose y, con este, el grado de aceptación entre sus gobernados”, puntualiza.

COLOMBIA, *El País* (**SANTIAGO TORRADO**),

16 January 2021: **Los negociadores de Colombia defienden el papel de Cuba en los procesos de paz.**

Humberto de la Calle y Sergio Jaramillo reprochan al Gobierno de Iván Duque plegarse al programa ideológico de la Administración Trump, que designó a la isla como patrocinador del terrorismo.



Juan Manuel Santos y Rodrigo Londoño, 'Timochenko', se dan la mano en La Habana junto a Raúl Castro, en septiembre de 2019. ALEJANDRO

ERNESTO (EFE). La designación de Cuba como un “**Estado patrocinador del terrorismo**”, una de las últimas movidas de la Administración de **Donald Trump**, ha tenido repercusión en la política de Colombia. Washington ha justificado los pasos previos a su decisión en un reiterativo reclamo del Gobierno de **Iván Duque**, que resiente que La Habana se haya negado a extraditar a un

to founder on its own internal contradictions. Arab publics may be ambivalent about democracy, but the region retains considerable democratic potential.

RUSSIA, *El País*, 19 January 2021: [30 días de prisión provisional para el opositor ruso Navalni mientras crece la condena de Occidente por su arresto.](#)



**ALEXÉI NAVALNI**

RUSSIA, *The Guardian* (**Andrew Roth**), 19 January 2021: Even in a Moscow jail, Alexei Navalny is dangerous to Putin. **Analysis: release of investigation into Putin's wealth shows opposition leader is still determined to expose Russian president.**



Alexei Navalny being escorted out of a police station in Khimki, outside Moscow, after the court ruling that ordered him jailed for

ambassador to South Africa referred to the opening of consulates in territories occupied by countries that do not respect international legality, including that the existence of a community or economic interests is an integral part of the conditions for opening a consulate in terms of international law. After attacking Sahrawi civilians on November 13, 2020, he continued, Morocco has created a new reality by pushing the Sahrawis to defend themselves, adding that over time, the Mekhzen "will feel pressure given that the Sahrawis are able to resist 40 more years to convince him to sign a just peace agreement allowing the respect of our law." "Morocco has no ability to resist in its war against the Saharawi people," said Beissat. "The war imposes its logic, its dynamics and its conditions, which is why Morocco must prepare for a war longer than before and more ferocious against the Saharawi people," warned the Saharawi diplomat.

UGANDA, *El País*, 19 January 2021: **Museveni, reelegido presidente de Uganda con casi el 59% de los votos.** El principal opositor,

historic. Four years after he made a famous speech in Davos, in 2017, where he emphasized the need for the world to embrace multilateralism, he came back to this proposal and notion of multilateralism at a very crucial time in the history of humankind," said WEF Founder and Executive Chairman Klaus Schwab. "After four years of confrontation, we have now the opportunity to reset the pace of global cooperation and to enter into an age of cooperation," Schwab said in a video message sent to Xinhua. International Labor Organization Director-General Guy Ryder said he is pleased that the emphasis of Xi's speech was on international cooperation.

USA-CHINA-JAPAN, *South China Morning Post*, 27 January 2021: **Japan key to US plan to rally allies against China in Indo-Pacific, observers say.** US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin urges Tokyo to strengthen its contribution to regional security Japan has been

grupo de comandantes del Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN), la última guerrilla activa en el país andino. Lo que está en juego no es solamente un eventual acercamiento con el ELN o las relaciones de Estados Unidos con Cuba, “sino la posibilidad misma de llevar a cabo negociaciones de paz”, han advertido este viernes [Humberto de la Calle](#) y Sergio Jaramillo, los arquitectos del histórico acuerdo con las FARC, al defender el papel de la isla como garante.

GUATEMALA-USA, *El País*, 19 January 2021: La nueva caravana de migrantes que se dirige a los Estados Unidos camina por una carretera en El Florido, Guatemala, 16 de enero de 2021.



USA, *El País* ([YOLANDA MONGE](#)), 19 January 2021: **El FBI extrema la seguridad ante la toma de posesión de Biden.** Las autoridades evalúan a los miembros de la Guardia Nacional que vigilarán la ceremonia

30 days. Photograph: Alexander Nemenov/AFP/Getty Images. For more than a decade, [Vladimir Putin](#) has refused to say Alexei Navalny’s name in public, referring to him as “that gentleman”, or more recently, the “patient”, a reference to his suspected poisoning by FSB agents.

In the logic of politics, Putin is simply trying not to give the Russian opposition leader free advertising. But his linguistic game also points to a rivalry that has become deeply personal, stoked by a decade of attacks against friends and family, and made urgent by the understanding that Navalny will not back down despite the threat of death by poisoning or prison.

ALGERIA, *ALGERIE PRESSE SERVICE (ALGIERS)*, 26

JANUARY 2021: **Algeria: Next Elections, Opportunity to Affirm State's Commitment to Political Action Moralization.** The next elections will be an opportunity to the State to affirm its commitment to "the moralization of the political action and the

conocido como Bobi Wine, rechaza el resultado que tacha como el “peor fraude electoral de la historia del país”.



Simpatizantes de Yoweri Museveni celebran la victoria electoral el 16 de enero de 2021 en Kampala (Uganda). BAZ RATNER / REUTERS. El actual jefe de Estado de [Uganda](#), Yoweri Museveni, resultó vencedor de las elecciones presidenciales celebradas el pasado jueves con un 58,64 % de los votos, según los resultados anunciados este sábado por la Comisión Electoral. En segundo lugar ha quedado el candidato de la Plataforma de Unidad Nacional (NUP) y popular [líder opositor, Robert Kyagulanyi](#), más conocido como [Bobi Wine](#), que obtuvo el 34,83 % de los votos, principalmente en las zonas urbanas del país. El opositor advertía ayer viernes de que los resultados eran “el

stepping up its role in the region by building partnerships with neighbours and allies.



US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin has used the first conversation with his Japanese counterpart to reaffirm Tokyo’s importance to Washington’s Indo-Pacific strategy. Photo: Getty Images.

Japan is expected to play a prominent role in the new US administration’s efforts to rally its allies in the Indo-Pacific region – including the South China Sea – in an attempt to counter China’s rise, according to observers. In a move that will deepen unease among Beijing policymakers, US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin used his first conversation with his Japanese counterpart Nobuo Kishi to reaffirm Washington’s commitment to its partnership with Tokyo. He also urged him to “strengthen Japan’s contribution to the role the alliance continues to play in providing security in the Indo-Pacific region”.

INDONESIA, *The Jakarta Post* ([Budi Sutrisno](#)), 29 January 2021: Better resolution needed amid decades of palm oil conflicts: Research.





Guardia Nacional a las afueras del Capitolio de Washington. ROD LAMKEY - POOL VIA CNP / AP.

A un día de que **Joe Biden jure su cargo como presidente de Estados Unidos**, la noticia de que el FBI lleva una semana investigando a los 25.000 miembros de la Guardia Nacional que protegerán el acto para extremar todas las precauciones ha incrementado el grado de ansiedad y preocupación por **la seguridad del presidente electo**, Joe Biden; de la vicepresidenta, Kamala Harris, y de todos los asistentes a la toma de posesión del demócrata en la capital estadounidense. El acto se produce solo dos semanas después del asalto contra el Capitolio que orquestaron partidarios del presidente saliente, Donald Trump.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, The Guardian (**Michelle Del Rey**), 19 January 2021: Dominican Republic activists fear total abortion ban banishes women to the dark ages. **Scores of Dominican women die each year from**

promotion of the performance of the people's elected members as part of the transparency and the fight against corruption," Minister of Communication, Spokesman of the Government Ammar Belhimer declared on Monday.

In a meeting with the site "Sabq Press," Belhimer said that "the anticipated legislative and local elections will be an opportunity to the State to affirm its commitment to the moralization of the political action, promotion of the performance the people's elected members as part of transparency, fight against corruption, equality of chances between men and women and the strengthening of the Algerian youths' participation."

EGYPT, EGYPT STATE INFORMATION SERVICE (CAIRO), 31 JANUARY 2021:

**Africa: Shoukry Discusses GERD, Next AU Summit With AUC Chief.**

Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry and Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) Moussa Faki probed here on Sunday ways to promote mutual cooperation. They also exchanged views

peor fraude electoral de la historia del país" africano. La votación se produjo sin violencia, aunque **en un gran ambiente de tensión** en el que hubo pocos observadores y se bloqueó el acceso a Internet. Museveni, de 76 años, en el poder desde 1986 y líder del oficialista Movimiento de Resistencia Nacional (NRM), buscaba en estos comicios su sexta reelección y se impuso con esta victoria a otros diez candidatos. En una rueda de prensa el viernes por la mañana, Bobi Wine insistió en que los ugandeses habían votado "de forma masiva para cambiar una dictadura por una democracia" y que luchará por "la voluntad del pueblo" a través de todas las vías legales posibles, incluida la protesta. El presidente de la Comisión Electoral, Simon Byabakama, rechazó las acusaciones de fraude de Wine y le pidió que mostrara pruebas, a lo que el opositor respondió que lo hará cuando se restablezca Internet. Nicholas Opiyo, reconocido defensor de los derechos humanos ugandés, arrestado en varias ocasiones por

A worker harvests fresh oil palm fruit in Pangkalan Bun, East Kalimantan, in December 2015. (JP/Dhoni Setiawan). Researchers have urged authorities in West Kalimantan to develop better schemes to resolve conflicts surrounding the palm oil business as the region has been marred by decades of unsolved conflicts and ineffective resolution mechanisms. About 66 percent of conflicts related to palm oil in West Kalimantan in the last two decades have yet to be resolved, according to a report recently issued by the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV). Moreover, most conflicts took an average of five years to be resolved. Resolving palm oil conflicts in West Kalimantan is deemed important as the province is the second-biggest palm oil producer in the country with 1.8 million hectares of plantations after Riau, according to Statistics Indonesia (BPS) in 2019.

INDIA, *The Jakarta Post* (Alasdair Pal Reuters), 31 January 2021: Modi says farmers protests an insult to country.



Protesters stand on the ramparts of Red Fort as farmers continue to protest against the central government's recent agricultural reforms in New Delhi on January 26, 2021.

## botched attempts to end unwanted pregnancies.



Women demonstrate to demand that the new penal code, which is in the process of being approved, include the decriminalization of abortion in the three causes, on 6 October 2020. Photograph: Orlando Barría/EPA

As Argentina becomes [the first major Latin American country to fully legalize abortion](#), activists in the Dominican Republic fear their own government is banishing its women to the dark ages by upholding a total ban first implemented in 1884. The [Dominican Republic](#) is one of four countries in Latin America – along with Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador – where abortion is illegal in all circumstances. Scores of Dominican women die each year from botched attempts to end unwanted pregnancies. Incomplete abortions and miscarriages are estimated to result in 8% of the country's maternal deaths every year.

on various issues of mutual concern, topped by the 34th AU Summit, slated for February 6-7, the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) and the challenges facing the AU institutional reform process, said a statement by Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ahmed Hafez. Shoukry stressed that Egypt is always willing to engage in serious and active negotiations to reach a binding deal on GERD filling and operation rules as soon as possible, to protect the water interests of all the countries involved, Hafez said.

TURKEY, *The Washington Post* ([Kareem Fahim](#)), 4 February 2021:



### [Students and faculty at top Turkish university battle Erdogan's attempt at control](#)

The government, which has promised to enact democratic reforms this year, has responded to protests in a manner both heavy-handed and familiar.

sus críticas al régimen, consideró que “estas elecciones no han sido ni libres ni justas”, debido a los cientos de arrestos de partidarios de la oposición, la violencia contra los periodistas mientras hacían su trabajo o la alta presencia militar y policial en las calles. Todo esto hace que, en opinión de Opiyo, estas sean “las peores elecciones que Uganda ha visto en mucho tiempo”.

AFRICA, *El País* ([GONZALO FANJUL](#)), 19 January 2021:

### [Los peligros del nacionalismo inmunitario. El acopio de vacunas por parte de los países ricos pone en peligro la estrategia global contra la pandemia.](#)



Una enfermera se prepara para realizar pruebas de covid-19 en Sudáfrica. En países de renta media, una estrategia equivocada de inmunización global puede tener costes sin precedentes. SIPHIWE SIBEKO REUTERS. La vacuna contra la covid-19 ha pulverizado ya todos los récords científicos conocidos. Cuando todavía no se ha cumplido un año de la declaración formal de la pandemia, diez

(Agence France Presse/Sajjad Hussain) SHARES India's prime minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday protesters that stormed New Delhi's Red Fort had caused "insult" to the country, his first public comments on a months-long farmers' agitation that turned violent this week. Tens of thousands of farmers have camped on the outskirts of the capital for more than two months, protesting new agricultural laws they say benefit private buyers at the expense of growers. A tractor parade on Tuesday's Republic Day turned violent when some protesters deviated from pre-agreed routes, clashing with police and breaking into the historic Red Fort complex in the capital. One died and hundreds were injured. "The country was saddened by the insult to the Tricolor (Indian flag) on the 26th of January in Delhi," Modi said in a radio address on Sunday. "The government is committed to modernizing agriculture and is also taking many steps in that direction." Farm leaders say they were not responsible for violence, that was caused by a minority of those on the parade, and the government has left open the possibility talks between the two sides will resume. Modi told opposition party leaders on Saturday an offer to freeze the laws for 18 months still stands, according to a government summary of the meeting. Agriculture employs about half of

USA, *CNN* ([Maeve Reston](#)), 21 January 2021: **'Democracy has prevailed'**. President Joe Biden ended his first day in office with a note of hope and optimism, closing [his inaugural activities](#) with an appearance at the Lincoln Memorial on Wednesday night, where he asked the nation to answer his call for unity, saying it will require "us to come together in common love that defines us as Americans."



President Joe Biden delivers his inaugural address. "We've learned again that democracy is precious. Because of you, democracy has prevailed," Biden said, alluding to [the insurrection at the US Capitol](#) on January 6, which was incited by [former President Donald Trump's](#) lies about a [stolen election](#) but which did not stop a peaceful transfer of power on Wednesday. But Biden noted that the nation is facing myriad challenges, including the pandemic, the recession, last year's calls for racial justice and equality after the police killing of George Floyd, the climate crisis and the

ITALY, *Pagina 12* ([Elena Llorente](#)), 4 February 2021: **El mundo financiero confía en las cualidades técnicas del economista para resolver la crisis. Italia: Mario Draghi intentará formar un nuevo gobierno** "La conciencia de la emergencia que estamos viviendo exige una respuesta a la altura de la situación" dijo el exdirector del Banco Central Europeo. Se encontrará con los dirigentes de todos los partidos en los próximos días.



**Mattarella recibió a Draghi en el palacio del Quirinale.** Imagen: EFE. [El presidente de Italia Sergio Mattarella dio la responsabilidad de formar un nuevo gobierno al economista y distinguido personaje Mario Draghi](#), después de que las tratativas del mandatario con los partidos de la coalición de centro izquierda (Partido Democrático, Movimiento Cinco Estrellas, Libres e

candidatas [están ya en el mercado](#) y otras 84 se encuentran en alguna de las tres fases de desarrollo. La frenética carrera por dar con un grupo de vacunas eficaces ha dado paso a un esfuerzo no menos frenético por fabricarlas y hacerlas llegar a los ciudadanos. Hasta aquí, todo son buenas noticias. El problema surge cuando un grupo de países –los más desarrollados– utilizan su poder económico y político para hacer acopio de un volumen desproporcionado de viales, muy por encima de las necesidades de su población. A finales de noviembre [advertíamos de este riesgo](#), que hoy se confirma. La [información recogida](#) por el Global Health Innovation Center de la Universidad de Duke (ver gráfico) muestra cómo Canadá ha adquirido un número de vacunas que multiplica por siete el de su población; el Reino Unido y los EE.UU. casi seis veces más; y la UE y Nueva Zelanda algo más de cuatro. Mientras tanto, África y otras regiones de ingreso bajo se enfrentan a la perspectiva de un [páramo inmunitario](#) que podría extenderse hasta el año 2023. Las consecuencias de esta desproporción obscena se cuentan, en

India's labour force, and unrest among an estimated 150 million landowning farmers is one of the biggest challenges to Modi's rule since he first came to power in 2014.

MYANMAR, *Pagina 12*, 4 February 2021:

**Anunciaron que sólo van a atender bajo un gobierno democrático. Golpe en Myanmar: médicos y trabajadores de la salud encabezan la resistencia civil.**



Imagen: EFE. Médicos y trabajadores sanitarios de Birmania se pronunciaron en contra [del golpe de Estado perpetrado por el Ejército birmano](#) y afirmaron que **sólo van a atender bajo el gobierno democrático**. El lunes, los militares pusieron fin a la transición democrática del país, impusieron un estado de emergencia por un año y **arrestaron a la líder del gobierno civil Aung San Suu Kyi**, así como a otros directivos de su partido, la Liga Nacional para la Democracia (LND). Dos días después del golpe, condenado por



attack on the country's system of government two weeks ago. "The question is: Are we up to it?" the President asked. "Will we meet the moment like our forbearers have? I believe we must and I believe we will. You the American people are the reason why. I've never been more optimistic about America than I am this very day. There isn't anything we can't do if we do it together."



Kamala Harris is sworn in as vice president as her husband, Doug Emhoff, holds the Bible. After Trump had refused to formally concede or host Biden at the White House in the morning, Biden and his family walked onto the White House grounds for the first time since he won the election Wednesday afternoon, as did Kamala Harris -- who **made history** Wednesday when she was sworn in as the first female, the first Black and first South Asian vice president of the United States.

USA-CHINA, *Xinhua*, 27 January 2021: Roundup: Biden signs memorandum condemning surge of anti-Asian racism amid pandemic.

Iguals, Europeístas e Italia Viva) que han sostenido al todavía primer ministro Giuseppe Conte, no dieron algún resultado. Draghi fue citado por el presidente Mattarella en el palacio del Quirinale a medio día del miércoles y al salir del encuentro dijo a la prensa que aceptaba el encargo "con reserva". Esto significa que lo acepta provisoriamente y cuando pueda verificar con los partidos políticos que un gobierno suyo es viable porque consigue apoyo en el Parlamento, aceptará definitivamente. **"Yo espero que del diálogo con los partidos, los grupos parlamentarios y las fuerzas sociales, surja una unidad y con ella la capacidad de dar una respuesta responsable y positiva al llamado del presidente de la República", declaró Draghi.** "La conciencia de la emergencia que estamos viviendo exige una respuesta a la altura de la situación (...) derrotar la pandemia, completar la campaña de las

primer lugar, en vidas humanas. Mientras la vacuna no alcance a los grupos de población más vulnerables de cada país, la enfermedad seguirá cobrándose un precio cuya magnitud solo somos capaces de imaginar. En el caso de los países más pobres, las muertes provocadas por el coronavirus se suman al **devastador impacto** en otras prioridades sanitarias como las campañas contra la malaria o los programas rutinarios de vacunación contra **la neumonía infantil**, una enfermedad que antes de esta crisis se llevaba cada año **la vida de 800.000 menores de cinco**. Pero existe también un riesgo creciente de que la codicia de los más ricos complique y alargue innecesariamente la inmunidad de grupo y, por tanto, la salida de este agujero. Ninguna normalidad económica y social es posible cuando una parte sustancial del planeta permanece aún expuesta al contagio. Más aún cuando las mutaciones del virus son naturales --como hemos visto en las últimas semanas-- y alguna de ellas **podría quedar pronto fuera del alcance** de las vacunas que ahora tenemos.

MALI, *Deutsche Welle* (Katrin Gänster), 22 JANUARY

muchas potencias extranjeras, surgieron los primeros **signos de resistencia**. Los médicos y profesionales de la salud eligieron llevar un lazo rojo en señal de protesta. **"Sólo obedeceremos al gobierno democráticamente elegido"**, afirmó Aung San Min, responsable de un hospital de cien camas en la región de Magway (centro).

MYANMAR, *Hurriyet Daily News* (Agence France-Presse), 10 February 2021: **Myanmar military tightens grip as protests enter fifth day.**



**Myanmar's military** tightened their post-coup grip on power, stepping up a campaign of intimidation against the ousted civilian leadership while pushing harsher tactics as a fifth consecutive day of nationwide demonstrations began on Feb. 10. Soldiers raided and ransacked the headquarters of detained leader Aung San **Suu Kyi's** party on Feb. 9 night, after police shot water cannon, tear gas and rubber bullets in a



A resident receives a dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California, the United States, Jan. 15, 2021. (Xinhua).

**The memorandum orders federal agencies to look into whether discriminatory rhetoric like "China Virus" is referred to in any existing policies or federal websites published by the previous administration.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (Xinhua) -- U.S. President Joe Biden on Tuesday signed a memorandum condemning the surge of anti-Asian racism in the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, while directing the Department of Justice to make more concerted efforts to address hate crimes and harassment against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. "During the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic,

vacunas, ofrecer respuestas a los problemas cotidianos de los ciudadanos y relanzar el país son los desafíos que se presentan", dijo Draghi a los periodistas luego de haber estado poco más de una hora con el presidente Mattarella.

SPAIN, Pagina 12, 4 February 2021:

**Explosiva carta de Luis Bárcenas dirigida a la Fiscalía Anticorrupción española. El extesorero del PP aseguró que Rajoy destruyó pruebas del financiamiento ilegal.** Bárcenas, que deberá declarar el próximo 8 de febrero, sostiene que el expresidente de España y líder del partido conservador entre 2004 y 2018 habría percibido sobornos mensuales extraídos de esa caja irregular.



Imagen: AFP. **El expresidente del gobierno español, Mariano Rajoy, conocía la**

2021: **Mali: French Military Operations Face Growing Resistance.**



© Gaëlle Laleix/RFI French troops with Operation Barkhane on patrol (file photo). *The French anti-terror mission Barkhane is losing support in Mali, as reflected in recent protests in the capital, Bamako. Attitudes to the former colonial power are ambivalent amid deteriorating security.* Moussa Dicko is angry. Wearing a green T-shirt and sunglasses, he is standing a short distance from Independence Square, a roundabout in the center of Bamako, Mali's capital city. He is one of about 30 young men who came to protest against France's military mission -- but their demonstration was banned at the last minute.

ANGOLA, **Angola Press Agency (Luanda)**, 25 JANUARY 2021: **Angola: UAE to Invest U.S.\$190 Million in Port of Luanda.** Luanda — One hundred and ninety million US dollars will be invested, in the next

sudden escalation of force against the **protests** sweeping the country. A doctor in Naypyidaw also confirmed the use of live rounds that left two people critically injured, but footage showed protesters in the capital were undeterred, returning to a blockade on a major highway on Feb. 10 morning. Condemning the use of force, United Nations special rapporteur Tom Andrews said the police fire had injured a young woman, images of whom have spread like wildfire online alongside expressions of grief and fury. "They can shoot a young woman but they can't steal the hope & resolve of a determined people," the human rights envoy wrote on Wednesday. "The world stands in solidarity with the protesters of Myanmar."

MYANMAR, *Hurriyet Daily News (Agence France-Presse)*, 15 February 2021: **Protests after Myanmar junta cuts internet, deploys troops**



<p>inflammatory and xenophobic rhetoric has put Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) persons, families, communities, and businesses at risk," said the memorandum, which is part of a series of executive orders regarding racial equity and civil rights signed by the president. "The Federal Government must recognize that it has played a role in furthering these xenophobic sentiments through the actions of political leaders, including references to the COVID-19 pandemic by the geographic location of its origin," it said, "Such statements have stoked unfounded fears and perpetuated stigma about Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and have contributed to increasing rates of bullying, harassment, and hate crimes against AAPI persons."</p> <p>ECUADOR, <i>Página 12</i>  <b>(Opinión por <u>Atilio A.</u></b></p>	<p><b>existencia de una <u>red de financiamiento ilegal en el conservador Partido Popular (PP)</u> y destruyó la documentación que la acreditaba, según aseguró el extesorero de la formación, <u>Luis Bárcenas</u>, en una carta remitida a la Fiscalía Anticorrupción. Bárcenas, que se hizo cargo de la tesorería del PP entre 2008 y 2009, se sentará en el banquillo el próximo ocho de febrero como principal acusado por los delitos de apropiación indebida y falsedad documental, por los que la Fiscalía pide cinco años de prisión. En la carta, que adelanta su declaración de ese día, el extesorero sostiene que <b>desde 1982 existió un sistema "institucionalizado" de financiación del PP con "percepciones en B" a través de donativos</b>, y que los hechos que se juzgarán la próxima semana parten del periodo 2004 a junio de 2008. <b>Además de conocer la existencia de la financiación</b></b></p>	<p>twenty years, by the DP World Ltd company from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), in the exploration, development, modernization and expansion of the multi-purpose terminal of the Port of Luanda, in the Angolan capital. The deal was announced last Monday to the press by the chairman of the Board of Directors of DP World Ltd, Sultan Ahmad Bin Sulayen, in the end of an audience with the Angolan President, João Lourenço.</p> <p>BOTSWANA, <i>Botswana Daily News (Thamani Shabani)</i>, 25 JANUARY 2021:  Botswana: Shun Corruption –  Letsholathebe. Tati East legislator, Dr Douglas Letsholathebe has appealed to the North East District leadership to shun corruption. Addressing the leadership in a joint meeting with his Tati West counterpart, Mr Simon Moabi recently, Dr Letsholathebe said corruption could destroy the economy. "You must be bold to talk about it and as the leadership of this country, we will support you in tackling corruption," he added. Dr Letsholathebe, who</p>	<p>Myanmar's <u>junta</u> cut the nation's internet and deployed extra troops around the country on Feb. 15 as it intensified a crackdown on anti-coup <u>protests</u>, but defiant demonstrators again took to the streets. The military has steadily escalated efforts to quell an uprising against their seizure of power two weeks ago, which saw civilian leader Aung San <u>Suu Kyi</u> detained along with hundreds, including members of her democratically elected government. With protesters refusing to back down, the generals imposed an hours-long internet shutdown on Feb. 15 morning and ratcheted up the military's presence across the country. Extra troops were seen in key locations of Yangon, the nation's commercial hub and biggest city, including armored personnel carriers near the central bank. Live video streams on social media platforms before the blackout showed more military vehicles and soldiers moving through other parts of the country. However, fresh protests again flared in Yangon on Feb. 15 morning, including near the central bank. Hundreds of engineering and</p>
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**Boron**), 3 February 2021:  
**Disparan sobre Arauz**



Imagen: AFP. **La derecha internacional, con su gran director de orquesta residente en Washington, ha enfilado o todos sus cañones para impedir el triunfo del binomio Andrés Arauz(foto)-Carlos Rabascal**, apelando a cualquier recurso. Una frase erróneamente atribuida a **Donald Trump**, "todas las opciones están sobre la mesa", es tan vieja como la historia misma de las antiguas Trece Colonias inglesas que al independizarse se convirtieron en Estados Unidos de América. En el mundo actual una de esas opciones, me animaría a decir la preferida en la época del "poder blando" (que es tanto o más letal que el otro), es el ataque con la artillería mediática de que dispone sin contrapesos la derecha. Es sabido, aunque a veces se olvida, que ésta nunca es una fuerza política sólo nacional sino que siempre se ampara en la estrategia global diseñada y **orquestada por la Casa Blanca**, consciente de que para triunfar en una batalla

**irregular, el líder del PP entre 2004 y 2018, Mariano Rajoy, habría percibido sobresueldos mensuales extraídos de esa caja ilegal.**

RUSSIA, *The Moscow Times* (AFP), 14 February 2021: **Putin Accuses West of Using Navalny to 'Contain' Russia.**



**Putin spoke of Russia's "numerous successes."** Mikhail Klimentyev / TASS. Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday accused the West of using jailed opposition figure Alexei Navalny to try to "contain" Russia. "Our opponents or our potential opponents... have always relied on — and used — ambitious, power-hungry people," Putin said in an interview with Russian media conducted on Wednesday but only broadcast on Sunday by public channel Rossiya 24. Putin suggested that the wave of protests recently held across Russia in the wake of Navalny's arrest and imprisonment had also been fed from abroad,

is also the Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology said corruption had led to loss of wealth, something that could destroy the future of Botswana. He appealed to the district leadership to support teachers so that they produce better results, adding that he was happy as most schools in the district were doing well in their academic performance, but emphasised that more support was still needed. Dr Letsholathebe said only a few schools were performing below par due to factors beyond their control. He also commended Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) for having performed well in the year under review, adding that Tati East constituency did not experience any water shortages and that water connections to households had also improved.

GHANA, *GHANA TODAY* (Juliet Etefe And Constance Evans-Kekrebesi), 26 JANUARY 2021: The President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo on Tuesday paid his last respect to late ex-president Jerry John Rawlings.

technology students protested in a northern district of the city, according to an AFP journalist. There was a fresh rally in the southern city of Dawei too, a verified live stream on Facebook showed, with hundreds of protesters accompanied by a marching band. Some carried banners against the military that read: "They kill in (the) day. They steal at night. They lie on TV."

IRAN-RUSSIA, *The Moscow Times* (AFP), 16 February 2021: **Iran, Russia Start Joint Naval Drill in Indian Ocean.**



**The Iranian army said the exercises will "expand bilateral relations" with Russia.** Kremlin.ru Iran's armed forces on Tuesday launched a joint naval drill with Russia in the north of the Indian Ocean designed to "enhance security" of maritime trade, state television reported. The "Maritime Security Belt Exercise" is to cover an area of 17,000 square kilometers and include units from the Iranian army and the elite Revolutionary Guards as well as Russia's Navy, the

nacional es preciso que la misma se instale en el gran tablero geopolítico mundial donde Estados Unidos puede hacer valer toda su influencia.

**BRAZIL, Pagina 12, 3**  
February 2021: **Se aleja la posibilidad de impeachment contra el mandatario brasileño. Dos bolsonaristas presiden el Congreso.**

Los partidos de Lira y Pacheco pertenecen al Centrao (el gran centro), una coalición conservadora famosa por aliarse con quien ofrezca más cargos y obras públicas.



**Arthur Lira.** Imagen: EFE. **La victoria del conservador Arthur Lira para la presidencia de la Cámara de Diputados le da un respiro al actual mandatario Jair Bolsonaro.** Lira pertenece al Partido Progresista (PP) y también es líder del grupo llamado "Centrao", una concertación de partidos de derecha. Con el triunfo de Lira (con 302 votos del total de 513) también se vio derrotada la derecha no bolsonarista. El nuevo presidente de

against the backdrop of the widespread "exhaustion, frustration and dissatisfaction" arising from the coronavirus pandemic.

**SPAIN, Hurriyet Daily News, 15 February 2021:**

**Catalan separatists boost majority in Spain regional election.**

**Catalan** separatist parties boosted their parliamentary majority in a regional **election** on Feb. 14 that was overshadowed by the pandemic and marked by low turnout, more than three years after a failed bid to break away from **Spain**.

With Spain still grappling with a third wave of coronavirus infections, the vote in the wealthy northeastern region was held under tight restrictions to reduce the risk of contagion. With 99 percent of the votes counted, Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's Socialists won the most votes but the three separatist parties together were set to get 74 seats in the 135-seat assembly. That is up from 70 seats won in the last election in December 2017, just months after Catalonia's failed secession bid



*Pruneau/Wikimedia Commons.* Former president of Ghana Jerry Rawlings.

Other officials who paid their last respect to the former Ghanaian leader were Vice President Mahamudu Bawumia, former Presidents John Dramani Mahama and John Agyekum Kufour, Prof. Nana Jean Opoku Agyeman, Vice Presidential Candidate to former President John Dramani Mahama in the 2020 Presidential election, the Chief Justice, Kwasi Anin-Yeboah and Speaker of Parliament Hon. Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin. The mortal remains of the former President were laid in state in a glass to allow mourners to catch a glimpse of the long-serving President of Ghana while filing past. The funeral ground was decorated with photographs of the late President from his military rule (1981-1992) and civilian rule (1993-2000).

**BOTSWANA, The Patriot, 27 January 2021:**

**Botswana: Economic Disaster.** Looming massive job cuts by one of Botswana's largest employers Kgalagadi

broadcaster quoted drill spokesman Rear Admiral Gholamreza Tahani as saying. "The purposes of this drill are to enhance security of international maritime trade, confront maritime piracy and terrorism, and exchange information," he added. Russia's Baltic Fleet said in a statement on Monday that three ships will take part in the drill. Exercises will include "liberating a commercial ship abducted by pirates," and fighting fires, it said. According to Tahani, the Indian navy will also join the exercise, in a message of "peace and friendship for neighboring and regional countries." Iran's state news agency IRNA said the drill is to last three days. The Iranian army said the exercises will also "expand bilateral relations" with Russia. Iran, China and Russia held a similar drill in the area in 2019, and the Islamic republic participated in "Caucus 2020" drills held in Russia last September.

**IRAN-USA-RUSSIA, Al Ahram (AFP), 19 February 2021:** Kremlin welcomes US gestures on salvaging Iran nuclear deal. The Biden administration on Thursday offered talks with Iran led by European allies and reversed two largely symbolic steps against

Diputados **prometió "neutralidad" al comandar la Casa** y pidió un minuto de silencio en homenaje a las víctimas del covid-19. La decisión de llevar adelante un juicio político contra presidente de Brasil dependerá de Lira, por lo tanto, es esperable que no prospere.

ECUADOR, *Página 12* (**Marco Teruggi**), 5

February 2021: **Cierre de campaña de Andrés Arauz en Ecuador: "el pueblo ecuatoriano está harto de traidores"**. El candidato de la revolución ciudadana se refirió a los tres ejes principales de su propuesta de gobierno: trabajo, dignidad y futuro.



Imagen: AFP. **Desde Quito. Andrés Arauz cerró este jueves su campaña presidencial en esta capital.** Estuvo acompañado por candidatos y candidatas que se presentarán para disputar la Asamblea Nacional en las elecciones del próximo domingo. "Una sola vuelta", fue

which led to the jailing of several separatist leaders.

TURKEY-THE NETHERLANDS, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 16 February 2021: Turkey files investigation into Dutch lawmaker



Turkish prosecutors filed an **investigation** on Feb. 16 into far-right Dutch lawmaker **Geert Wilders** over a social media post seeking to vilify **Turkey's** president. The chief public prosecutor's office in the capital Ankara said in a statement that the probe involving Wilders, who heads the Party for Freedom, was opened due to a Twitter post "including a photograph and written insult about President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on Feb. 15." On Feb. 15, Wilders had shared a post on Twitter insulting Erdogan and calling NATO to expel Turkey. Dismissing remarks by Wilders and his "merry band of neo-Nazis" as having

Breweries Limited (KBL) due to the ban on alcohol sale is expected to plunge the s economy further into dire straits. The suspension of operations at KBL, anticipated to have collateral damage down the value chain, came in the same week as the second largest employer in Botswana after the government, Debswana Diamond Company announced termination of the Majwe Mining Cut-9 project contract. Experts say the recent developments could iopen floodgates of retrenchments and massive job losses throughout different sectors of the economy. President Mokgweetsi Masisi has his job cut out and will have to dig deep to attain economic recovery for Botswana anytime soon. The growing Covid-19 infections locally adds to the pressure of government to balance between sustaining the economy and surviving the pandemic, which has already claimed 105 lives, with the numbers growing.

SENEGAL, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 15 February 2021: **G5 Sahel : le Sénégal invité au sommet.**

Tehran imposed by Trump.



Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov REUTERS. Russia on Friday welcomed initial steps taken by the United States to find compromise on the Iran nuclear deal, the historic accord brokered in 2015 that collapsed under US President Donald Trump. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters it was a "good thing" that the Washington was no longer calling for international sanctions on Iran, but said ultimately more work was needed. "It is the restoration of the JCPOA regime that is important," he said, referring to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action as the Iran deal is formally known. "Sanctions pressure did not help the implementation of the agreement and brought the situation to a dead end," Peskov added. The deal brokered in 2015 by then president Barack Obama saw Iran drastically scale back its nuclear programme in exchange for promises of economic relief. Trump withdrew from the accord in 2018 and re-imposed sweeping sanctions on the Islamic state.

ARMENIA, *The Jakarta Post*, February 25, 2021:

una de las consignas más repetidas, en referencia **al intento de que el candidato de la revolución ciudadana gane en primera vuelta y evite el balotaje.**

“Este siete de febrero se verá reflejado en un voto contundente en una sola vuelta (...) **el pueblo ecuatoriano está harto de traidores y no va a aguantar una traición más, les puedo jurar total lealtad al proyecto de la revolución ciudadana**”, afirmó Arauz desde el escenario, donde fue precedido por un mensaje grabado del ex presidente **Rafael Correa.**

USA, *The Washington Post* (Anne Gearan, John Hudson and Missy Ryan), 5 February 2021: [Biden recommits U.S. to global alliances, ends support for Saudi-led war in Yemen in first major foreign policy speech](#). The president says the United States will rebound from the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol “better equipped” to help defend democracy around the world.

never "amounted to anything," Turkey's Communications Director Fahrettin Altun voiced concern that Europe's "seemingly moderate governments and ostensibly responsible policymakers" appeared to share the far-right politician's views. Referring to a leaked report by the Dutch National Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security (NCTV) containing various claims against the Turkish community in the Netherlands, Altun said the "groundless, biased and ignorant" document should be taken as a greater concern than Wilders. "Turkey and the Turkish community in Europe have always been a bulwark against terrorism and extremism. To say otherwise is to serve racism and Islamophobia," said the official.

TURKEY, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 16 February 2021: **US holds PKK responsible for Gara massacre.**



Le Sénégal prendra part mardi, en qualité de pays invité, à la séance élargie du Sommet du G5 Sahel qui s'ouvre ce lundi à N'Djamena, capitale du Tchad. La séance élargie, à laquelle le président Macky Sall assistera, vise à associer les pays et institutions partenaires du G5 Sahel à la recherche de solutions durables à la crise sécuritaire qui sévit dans l'espace sahélien, souligne le communiqué de la présidence parvenu à APA. Avec un effectif de 1305 soldats, le Sénégal est le deuxième pays contributeur de troupes à la Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations unies pour la stabilisation au Mali (Minusma). Le G5 Sahel est un cadre institutionnel de coordination et de suivi de la coopération régionale en matière de politiques de développement et de sécurité créé en février 2014 par cinq États du Sahel. Il s'agit de la Mauritanie, du Mali, du Burkina Faso, du Niger et du Tchad.

CHAD, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 16 February 2021: **Sahel: Macron annonce le maintien des forces françaises.**



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan addresses his supporters gathered on Republic Square in downtown Yerevan on February 25, 2021. Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan on February 25 called on the army to fulfil its duty and obey the people and elected officials, after the military called for him to resign. (AFP/Karen Minasyan) SHARES Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan accused the military of an attempted coup and brought supporters to the streets on Thursday, as months of tensions over its defeat in last year's war with Azerbaijan came to a head. Thousands marched through the streets of the capital Yerevan in support of Pashinyan, with the opposition urging him to step down to avoid bloodshed or even civil war. President Armen Sarkisian, whose role is largely symbolic, said he was taking urgent steps to try to defuse the crisis, calling on all involved to "show restraint and common sense." Under pressure for his handling of the conflict over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region, Pashinyan has ignored repeated calls to resign for losing swathes of territory to Azerbaijan in the war. After largely backing the prime minister for months, the military's general staff



(Saul Loeb/AFP/Getty Images). President Biden on Thursday recommitted the United States to global alliances and a role in the world that projects democratic principles, using his first major foreign policy address to promise that he will counter “advancing authoritarianism” and to announce an end to U.S. support for offensive operations in Yemen that are blamed for thousands of civilian deaths. Biden also said he would increase the number of refugees admitted to the United States and freeze [troop redeployments from Germany](#), reversing Trump administration policies that the new president sees as out of step with American values. “We will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again, not to meet yesterday’s challenges, but today’s and tomorrow’s,” Biden said during an address at the State Department that attempted to turn the page on isolationism and restore diplomacy as the tool of choice. “America is back. Diplomacy is back,” Biden said, vowing that



The United States has affirmed that PKK bears responsibility for the slaughter of 13 Turkish nationals in a cave in northern Iraq after [Turkey’s](#) strong reaction against the State Department’s initial statement which condemned the terror organization on the condition that the news about the incident was confirmed. “The Secretary expressed condolences for the deaths of Turkish hostages in northern Iraq and affirmed our view that PKK terrorists bear responsibility,” said a statement issued by the U.S. State Department on the phone conversation between U.S. Secretary of State Anthony [Blinken](#) and Foreign Minister [Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu](#) on late Feb. 15. This was the first contact established between the top Turkish and American diplomats after the new U.S. administration took



Pour Emmanuel Macron, un retrait prématuré des troupes françaises du Sahel « serait une erreur ». Une éventuelle baisse des troupes françaises au Sahel était récemment sur toutes les lèvres. Ça ne sera pas le cas. Le président français Emmanuel Macron a annoncé, mardi à Ndjamena (Tchad), lors du sommet G5 Sahel, que « la France ne réduirait pas dans l’immédiat » ses effectifs militaires dans la région. Lors de son intervention par visioconférence depuis Paris, le locataire de l’Elysée a toutefois souligné que « des évolutions sans doute significatives seront apportées à notre dispositif militaire au Sahel en temps voulu (...) », ajoutant qu’« il serait paradoxal d’affaiblir notre dispositif au moment où nous disposons d’un alignement politique et militaire favorable à la réalisation de nos objectifs ». D’ailleurs il a promis une « action renforcée » pour « essayer d’aller décapiter » les organisations terroristes. Car même si de « véritables résultats ont été obtenus dans la zone des trois frontières », entre le Mali, le Niger et le Burkina Faso, et le principal groupe visé, l’organisation État islamique au grand Sahara (EIGS), « a perdu son emprise et subit de

on Thursday joined calls for him to step down, saying in a statement that he and his cabinet “are not capable of taking adequate decisions”.

CHINA, *The Jakarta Post* (Reuters), February 25, 2021: China to allow air pollution to rise slightly in 2021: Environment ministry. China's air quality targets for this year will be set at a slightly higher level than last year's average, an official said on Thursday, after pollution fell significantly in the early part of 2020 due to coronavirus-related lockdowns. China will seek to keep average levels of small, hazardous airborne particles known as PM2.5 at 34.5 micrograms per cubic metre over the course of 2021, the environment ministry said on Thursday. That is slightly higher than the average of 33 micrograms registered in 337 monitored cities over the whole of 2020, with capital Beijing averaging 38 micrograms last year. "This year's target (for achieving good air quality) looks like it is a little lower than the 2020 figure, but if you eliminate the impact of the pandemic on air quality, the PM2.5 rate would have been 35 micrograms (last year)," said Liu Bingjiang, head of the air pollution unit at the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), speaking at a regular briefing. China's national "interim" air quality standard is currently 35 micrograms per cubic metre, well above the World Health Organization's recommendation for



the United States will rebound from the attempted insurrection at the U.S. Capitol last month “stronger, more determined and better-equipped to unite the world in fighting to defend democracy because we have fought for it ourselves.” Biden sketched his traditional foreign policy views with a broad brush, pledging to confront human rights abuses, tyranny and intolerance in China, Russia, Myanmar and elsewhere while seeking cooperation with competitors where possible. He promised American diplomats demoralized by the Trump years, “I’ll have your back.” As part of the effort to project American values abroad, Biden announced a policy of support for LGBT rights worldwide. On Russia, Biden drew a stark contrast with former president Donald Trump, who was frequently deferential to Russian President Vladimir Putin. “I made it clear to President Putin, in a manner very different from my predecessor, that the days of the United States rolling over in the face of Russia’s aggressive actions, interfering with our elections, cyberattacks, poisoning its citizens, are over,” Biden said. “We will not hesitate to

office on Jan. 20 amid Turkey’s strong reaction against the conditional condemnation by the U.S. State Department about the PKK’s killing of 13 Turkish nationals in the northern Iraqi cave.

RUSSIA, *The Moscow Times* ([Samantha Berkhead](#) and [Sonia Kopelev](#)), 16 February 2021: **Russian Women Form Human Chain Following Navalny Protest Crackdown.** The Valentine’s Day symbol of solidarity was inspired by last summer’s women-led protests in Belarus. Hundreds of women formed a “chain of solidarity” in central Moscow Sunday to support jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny’s wife Yulia and female victims of political repression. The Valentine’s Day demonstration follows weeks of harsh police [crackdowns](#) at pro-Navalny protests and was inspired by last summer’s protests in neighboring Belarus, where women [formed](#) human chains after thousands were beaten and detained. Women of all ages lined up along Old

nombreuses pertes », les organisations terroristes y sont toujours très actives. Emmanuel Macron a par la même occasion salué la décision du président tchadien Idriss Déby Itno d’envoyer 1200 soldats dans la zone des trois frontières. « Une décision forte et courageuse qui viendra conforter la force du G5 Sahel », a-t-il indiqué.

NIGERIA-WTO: *Le Journal de Bangui*, 15 February 2021: **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala nouvelle Directrice de l’OMC.**



La Nigériane Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (66 ans) est devenue ce lundi 15 février, la première femme et la première Africaine à la tête de l’Organisation mondiale du commerce (OMC). «Les membres de l’OMC viennent d’accepter de nommer la Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala comme prochain directeur général de l’OMC. La décision a été prise par consensus lors d’une réunion spéciale du Conseil général de l’organisation aujourd’hui», a annoncé l’OMC, une quinzaine de minutes après l’ouverture de la réunion. Cette économiste chevronnée sera la septième personne à occuper ce poste. La désignation de Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala marque la fin d’un

average annual levels of no more than 10 micrograms. Though smog-prone regions in China's heavy industrial north have made significant improvements in air quality in recent years, concentrations of PM2.5 often jump to dangerous levels. Readings in Beijing over the Chinese new year holiday exceeded 200 micrograms. Liu said more work needed to be done in the coming five years to replace coal with cleaner forms of energy. "If China doesn't curb coal consumption growth, it will put big pressure on climate and pollution targets," he said. Liu noted that during the 2016-2020 period, China's natural gas consumption grew by 150 billion cubic metres (bcm) and could grow another 120 bcm over 2021-2025. But he added this would be "meaningless for the climate target" if it isn't used to replace coal.

INDONESIA, *The Jakarta Post* ([Marchio Irfan Gorbiano](#)), 28 February 2021: Lauded graft fighter Nurdin Abdullah named bribery suspect.



South Sulawesi Governor Nurdin Abdullah (center) arrives at the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) office in Jakarta on Saturday. Graft busters arrested Nurdin and five others in relation to a corruption case in South

raise the cost on Russia and defend our vital interests," he said, while working alongside Russia on some international problems. Biden said [Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny](#) should be released from detention immediately and unconditionally.

USA, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 16 February 2021: **Pelosi says independent commission will examine Capitol riot**



House Speaker Nancy [Pelosi](#) said on Feb. 15 that Congress will establish an independent, Sept. 11-style commission to look into the deadly insurrection that took place at the U.S. Capitol. Pelosi said the commission will "investigate and report on the facts and causes relating to the January 6, 2021, domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex, and relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power." In a letter to Democratic colleagues, Pelosi said the House will also put forth supplemental spending to boost security at the Capitol. After former

Arbat Street, a pedestrian tourist strip in the shadow of the Foreign Ministry, holding onto a long white ribbon. The White Counter crowd-monitoring NGO estimated that at least 230 showed up to protest. In a nod to the [red dress](#) Navalnaya wore in court as her husband was sentenced to nearly three years in prison on Feb. 2, protesters held red flowers, wore red scarves and hats and pinned red paper hearts to their jackets.

ALGERIA, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 19 February 2021: **Algérie: dissolution du Parlement et élections anticipées.**



Dans un discours à la Nation prononcé jeudi, Abdelmadjid Tebboune a annoncé qu'il allait procéder à un remaniement ministériel dans les 48 heures. Abdelmadjid Tebboune a annoncé sa décision de dissoudre le Parlement et d'appeler à des élections anticipées. Il va procéder à un remaniement ministériel dans les 48 heures et a décrété une grâce pour plusieurs dizaines de détenus du Hirak. « Le

feuilleton de plusieurs mois à la tête de cette institution aux 164 États membres, l'une des institutions financières les plus puissantes au monde. Sa mission première sera de s'atteler à la reprise de l'économie mondiale fortement touchée par la pandémie de la Covid-19.

IVORY COAST, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 17 February 2021: **Covid-19: la BM accorde un prêt de 163,5 milliards Fcfa à la Côte d'Ivoire**



La Banque mondiale a approuvé mercredi un accord de prêt d'un montant de 300 millions de dollars (163,5 milliards Fcfa) de l'Association internationale de développement (IDA) en faveur de la Côte d'Ivoire pour soutenir la riposte à la Covid-19 et la relance du secteur privé, selon un communiqué de l'institution. Cet appui budgétaire vise à « soutenir des réformes » et promouvoir une reprise économique durable, en plus de renforcer les mesures déjà en place pour accompagner les ménages, les entreprises impactés par la pandémie, et à renforcer la transparence dans la gestion des finances publiques et des fonds d'urgence Covid-19. « La pandémie de Covid-19 continue d'affecter des vies et l'économie du

Sulawesi. (Antara/Dhemas Reviyanto) The Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) has named South Sulawesi governor Nurdin Abdullah – who has been celebrated for his antigraft stance – a suspect in a bribery case following his arrest on Saturday. Nurdin has been accused of accepting Rp 2 billion (US\$139,874) in bribes from Agung Sucipto, a director of a Bulukumba-based construction company, to facilitate certain projects in the province.

SYRIA, *The Jakarta Post (News Desk Agence France-Presse Washington)*, 26 February 2021: The US military struck facilities in eastern Syria used by Iran-backed armed groups Thursday, saying President Joe Biden's new administration was sending Tehran a message after recent rocket attacks on US troop locations in Iraq. In its first military action against Iran-linked groups since Biden became president five weeks ago, the US Defense Department said it had carried out airstrikes at a Syria-Iraq border control point used by those groups, destroying "multiple facilities." "At President Biden's direction, US military forces earlier this evening conducted airstrikes against infrastructure utilized by Iranian-backed militant groups in eastern Syria," said spokesman John Kirby in a statement.

INDONESIA, *The Jakarta Post (A. Muh. Ibnu Aqil)*,

President Donald Trump's acquittal at his second Senate impeachment trial, bipartisan support appeared to be growing for an independent commission to examine the deadly insurrection. Investigations into the riot were already planned, with Senate hearings scheduled later this month in the Senate Rules Committee. Pelosi, D-Calif., asked retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honore to lead an immediate review of the Capitol's security process. In her letter on Feb. 15, Pelosi said, "It is clear from his findings and from the impeachment trial that we must get to the truth of how this happened." She added, "As we prepare for the Commission, it is also clear from General Honore's interim reporting that we must put forth a supplemental appropriation to provide for the safety of Members and the security of the Capitol." Lawmakers from both parties, speaking on Sunday's news shows, signaled that even more inquiries were likely. The Senate verdict Saturday, with its 57-43 majority falling 10 votes short of the two-thirds needed to convict Trump, hardly put to rest the debate about the Republican former

Hirak béni a sauvé l'Algérie. J'ai décidé d'accorder la grâce présidentielle à une trentaine de personnes pour lesquelles une décision de justice avait été rendue ainsi qu'à d'autres pour lesquelles aucun verdict n'a été prononcé. Entre 55 et 60 personnes rejoindront à partir de demain leur familles », a-t-il déclaré dans un discours télévisé à la Nation.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN, *Al Ahrām*, 19 February 2021: East Mediterranean: Friendship forum. Two weeks before the activation of the East Mediterranean Gas Forum charter, countries from the Eastern Mediterranean and Gulf regions sought to intensify coordination.



Friendship forum. On 11 February Greece hosted the Philia Forum, a conference which brought together the foreign ministers of Cyprus, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Iraq, and the minister of state for international cooperation of the United Arab Emirates. The French foreign

pays. Cette opération vient renforcer le soutien de la Banque mondiale aux mesures de riposte entreprises par le gouvernement pour sauver des vies, venir en aide aux plus défavorisés et soutenir les entreprises à faire face aux impacts de la crise », a déclaré Coralie Gevers, directrice des opérations de la Banque mondiale pour la Côte d'Ivoire, le Bénin, la Guinée et le Togo.

NIGERIA, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 17 February 2021: **Nigeria: une centaine d'élèves et leurs professeurs enlevés.**



Des hommes armés ont envahi mardi soir un pensionnat situé dans l'Etat du Niger, dans le centre-ouest du Nigeria, où ils ont enlevé « des centaines d'élèves et plusieurs professeurs. » Une scène de terreur, pour le millier d'élèves nigériens de ce lycée. « Des bandits sont entrés dans le collège gouvernemental de Kagara la nuit dernière et ont enlevé des centaines d'élèves et leurs professeurs », a déclaré un responsable local de la zone à l'AFP. Un rapt massif qui pose encore la lancinante question de la sécurité dans les écoles au Nigeria. Il intervient deux mois après l'enlèvement de 344 adolescents dans un pensionnat de l'Etat voisin de Katsina par des

February 27, 2021:



Protesters hold banners during a demonstration against the Job Creation Law on Jl. Medan Merdeka Barat in Jakarta on Oct. 28, 2020. The poster in the foreground reads, "Revoke the omnibus law for our children and grandchildren." (Antara/Hafidz Mubarak A.) SHARES The government has issued dozens of implementing regulations for the Job Creation Law to specify its standards and requirements, bringing radical changes to the country's labor system, while the Constitutional Court delays hearing legal challenges to the law to focus on election disputes. On Feb. 20, the State Secretariat announced that President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo had signed 45 government regulations and four presidential regulations for the implementation of the law.

MYANMAR, *The Jakarta Post* (Kyodo News), 1 March 2021: Malaysia wants ASEAN to act "constructively" on Myanmar.



Malaysian Foreign Minister Hishammuddin Hussein calls on ASEAN on March 1, 2021 to engage in a

president's culpability for the Jan. 6 assault.

USA, *Al Ahram (Reuters)*, 19 February 2021: Biden says US commitment to NATO is 'unshakeable'. 'The United States is fully committed to our NATO alliance, and I welcome your investment in the military capabilities that enable our shared defenses,' Biden said. The United States is fully committed to NATO and its principle that an attack on one member of the transatlantic alliance is an attack on all, U.S. President Joe Biden told the Munich Security Conference on Friday. "The United States is fully committed to our NATO alliance, and I welcome your investment in the military capabilities that enable our shared defenses," Biden said. "An attack on one is an attack on all. That is our unshakeable vow."

CHILE, *La Nacion (Santiago; Patricia Schüller Gamboa)*, 25 February 2021: **REUNIÓN DE PROSUR: CHILE PROPONE IMPULSAR UN TRATADO GLOBAL CONTRA LAS PANDEMIAS.**

*"Hoy día ha quedado de manifiesto que la arquitectura internacional es muy débil para el tratamiento de las pandemias: no existen mecanismos de alerta temprana cuando se producen los brotes, tampoco existen mecanismos de coordinación para el acceso a las vacunas,*

minister participated via video link. Held in Athens, the Philia Forum — its full title includes the coda "Building Friendship, Peace and Prosperity from the Mediterranean to the Gulf" — allowed for an exchange of views on development in the Mediterranean and Gulf region, and ways to foster greater cooperation, stability, and better use of the region's resources. Philia is the Greek word for friendship. "Egyptian-Greek-Cypriot cooperation is the core that could be expanded to include Gulf states which share close ties and common interests in maintaining Arab national security, and a joint vision of cooperation and regional challenges", Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukri said in a phone interview following the conference. With the charter of the East Mediterranean Gas Forum (EMGF), signed in September, due to be activated on 1 March, and the likely establishment of the Cyprus-based Tripartite Secretariat this spring, meetings like the Philia Forum provide an opportunity to improve cooperation within the Mediterranean region not over natural gas, but also on issues directly linked to security and stability. "The forum paves the way for wider

groupes criminels. Pour l'instant, il est difficile de connaître le nombre exact de personnes enlevées dans cet établissement d'enseignement secondaire qui compte environ 1.000 élèves.

CONGO, *African Arguments (ANALYSIS By Kris Berwouts)*, 17

FEBRUARY 2021: **Congo-Kinshasa: DRC - New Prime Minister, New Era?**



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Sama Lukonde Kyenge.

*Tshisekedi has outmanoeuvred his predecessor and has now appointed a PM. But is a victory for the Congolese people?*  
On 15 February, President Felix Tshisekedi appointed Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde Kyenge as the Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC) new prime minister. A 43-year-old politician and former director of the state-owned mining company Gémacines, Sama Lukonde's promised in his first statement to prioritise security in the eastern Congo and his home province of Katanga. Tshisekedi's appointment came faster than most expected. It was only

dialogue regarding Myanmar. (EPA via The Straits Times/-). Malaysian Foreign Minister Hishammuddin Hussein on Monday called for a "constructive" ASEAN role in dealing with the Myanmar situation and urged all parties there to exercise "utmost restraint from the use of violence," a day after 18 deaths were reported in anti-coup protests. Hishammuddin's call came as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations is set to hold an online special ministerial meeting on Tuesday to discuss the military takeover of the government that has sparked massive street protests in various cities in Myanmar. "We are deeply concerned over the loss of innocent lives and injuries during the on-going situation in Myanmar," he said in a statement after his visit to Brunei, which currency chair ASEAN. "It is crucial that ASEAN leads a sincere discussion and constructively engage with Myanmar and all stakeholders to show that ASEAN is effective as a cohesive regional grouping, in addressing the expectations of our external partners and in avoiding unnecessary unilateral responses that may affect the region unfavorably," he added. The military has justified its takeover by claiming there was widespread fraud in last November's general election in which ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party, the National League for Democracy, scored another landslide victory. Suu Kyi has been placed under house arrest and faces multiple charges that

la distribución de las mismas, la organización de las redes y las cadenas logísticas, y un conjunto de otras materias”, dijo el canciller Allamand en un punto de prensa ofrecido junto con el ministro de Salud, Enrique Paris, luego que acompañaran al Presidente Piñera en el encuentro.



En el marco de la **quinta reunión extraordinaria de los presidentes de los países del Foro para el Progreso de América del Sur (Prosur)**, dedicada a coordinar los esfuerzos regionales para enfrentar el Covid-19, el **canciller Andrés Allamand destacó que el bloque “respaldó unánimemente la iniciativa de Chile en torno a impulsar un tratado global contra las pandemias”.**

**“Hoy día ha quedado de manifiesto que la arquitectura internacional es muy débil para el tratamiento de las pandemias: no existen mecanismos de alerta temprana cuando se producen los brotes, tampoco existen mecanismos de coordinación para el acceso a las vacunas, la distribución de las mismas, la organización de las redes y las cadenas logísticas, y un conjunto de otras materias”,** comentó Allamand en un punto de prensa ofrecido junto con el

cooperation between states in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Gulf, which explains Turkey’s angry reaction to the convening of the meeting,” said a diplomat speaking on condition of anonymity. Turkey’s Foreign Ministry described the forum as “hostile”. The Turkish daily Sabah reported the Turkish Foreign Ministry saying in a written statement that “the Greek foreign minister’s accusatory and slanderous remarks at the meeting in Athens indicate this enterprise is not about friendship.” “Tense relations with Turkey will not be the only area of difficulty facing the EMGF. Israel’s relations with other member states, especially Palestine and Lebanon, which is expected to join the EMGF at some point, will place obstacles before the fledgling body,” said the diplomat. Major natural gas finds off the coasts of Egypt, Cyprus, Israel, and Lebanon have made cooperation between the gas-producing countries increasingly necessary. Egypt, Greece, and Cyprus agreed to establish the EMGF in 2018. The forum was formed in January last year and its charter signed by its founding members — Egypt, Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Israel, Jordan, and Palestine — in

at the end of January 2021 that the previous government had collapsed, following a parliamentary [motion of censure](#) against Prime Minister Sylvestre Ilunga and his resignation two days later. This departure had marked another political victory for an ascendent Tshisekedi who, since [unexpectedly](#) being declared the winner of the presidential election two years ago, has gradually managed to wrest control from his predecessor.

By appointing his own choice of prime minister with Sama Lukonde, Tshisekedi has fulfilled another important ambition. Former president Joseph Kabila is far from powerless now, but much of tight control that he managed to retain when stepping down in 2019 have been wrested from him. He no longer dominates the DRC's legislative and judicial branches. By playing old school Congolese politics, Tshisekedi has come a long way in emerging from the shadow of Kabila's 18-year reign. But his next set of challenges are arguably just as complex and fraught as those he has overcome in the past two years. Sama Lukonde's appointment may be a

rights groups and the international community deem as frivolous and politically motivated. "All relevant parties must exercise utmost restraint from the use of violence that could affect the safety of members of the public and further escalate the situation in the country," Hishammuddin said.

USA-SAUDI ARABIA, *The Jakarta Post* (Sebastian Smith Agence France-Presse, Washington), February 26, 2021 : Biden, Saudi king speak ahead of Khashoggi murder report, United States



A handout picture provided by the Saudi Royal Palace on Thursday, shows Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman attending a video meeting with the Shura council in the capital Riyadh. (AFP/Bandar Al Jaloud/Saudi Royal Palace). President Joe Biden held a long-delayed first phone call Thursday with Saudi King Salman ahead of an imminent US intelligence report expected to link the Arab kingdom's powerful crown prince to the killing of dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Biden kept the king waiting in his long list of calls to US allies after being sworn in five weeks ago. And when he did finally reach out to the Saudis, it was pointedly to the king and not the

ministro de Salud, Enrique Paris, luego que acompañaran al Presidente Piñera en la reunión. “De esta manera, es muy importante que Prosur haya respaldado esta iniciativa del Gobierno de Chile”, agregó el canciller. **La idea de establecer un tratado internacional que sea jurídicamente vinculante, de preparación y respuesta a las pandemias, fue promovida también por el ministro Allamand en la reciente reunión ministerial de la Alianza para el Multilateralismo, donde llamó a involucrarse a los más de 60 países participantes de esa instancia.**

En la reunión de Prosur, en la que participaron los mandatarios de Brasil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay y Perú, se abordó también cómo se orientarán los esfuerzos para coordinar los procesos de vacunación en curso en América Latina.

USA, *El Economista*, 25 February 2021: Janet Yellen pide el apoyo del G20 para que países pobres compren vacunas contra Covid. Expertos y activistas firman una carta en la que plantean que se ofrezcan recursos adicionales al Fondo Monetario Internacional.

September. The forum is open to all countries that share the same values and goals and have the desire to cooperate more closely on regional security and prosperity.

ITALY-CONGO, *la Repubblica*, 22 February 2021: L'ambasciatore italiano nella Repubblica Democratica del Congo Luca Attanasio, Vittorio Iacovacci, il carabiniere della sua scorta, e Mustapha Milambo, l'autista, sono stati uccisi in un attacco a un convoglio delle Nazioni Unite nel Congo orientale.



RUSSIA, *The Jakarta Post* (Anna Smolchenko Agence France-Presse Moscow), 26 February 2021: Kremlin critic Navalny moved from jail: lawyer.



Russian opposition politician Alexei Navalny speaks during an interview with prominent Russian YouTube blogger Yury Dud, in Berlin, Germany, in this still image taken from a

canny move, but will it be enough?

ETHIOPIA, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 17 February 2021: **Ethiopie: le chef rebelle du Tigré annonce la poursuite du conflit.**



Le conflit entre les troupes fédérales éthiopiennes et les combattants rebelles du Front populaire de libération du Tigré (TPLF), se poursuivra sur différents fronts, a déclaré l'un des dirigeants fugitifs du mouvement. Dans un entretien accordé mardi au Tigray Media House, Getachew Reda, ancien ministre des Communications du gouvernement fédéral, a déclaré qu'il y a eu dans ce conflit des pertes importantes des deux côtés, avec 100.000 victimes. Il a déclaré que les forces fédérales et celles de leurs alliés érythréens ont subi davantage de pertes depuis que le conflit a éclaté en novembre de l'année dernière.

SUDAN, *Al Ahram* (Lamis ElSharqawy), 18 February 2021: Sudan faces towering economic challenges, including a huge budget deficit and widespread shortages of essential goods and soaring

expected successor Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, commonly known as MBS. The telephone diplomacy was all part of what the White House is calling a reset in relations in the wake of Khashoggi's horrific 2018 murder inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, Turkey. A US intelligence report on the incident, in which Khashoggi is believed to have been killed and then chopped into pieces, is being made public "soon," the White House says. It is expected to state that the crown prince in some capacity was connected to the killing, which involved a whole squad of Saudi agents positioned at the consulate before Khashoggi visited. Khashoggi, a Saudi national who wrote for *The Washington Post* and was a US resident, had been an outspoken critic of the young prince. The White House said that Biden and the 85-year-old king emphasized the countries' security ties and "the US commitment to help Saudi Arabia defend its territory as it faces attacks from Iranian-aligned groups." However, in a shift from the Donald Trump era, Biden also "affirmed the importance the United States places on universal human rights and the rule of law." The Saudi state news agency said in its readout that the king and Biden stressed "the depth of the relationship between the two countries" and discussed Iran's "destabilizing activities and its support for terrorist



La secretaria del Tesoro de Estados Unidos, Janet Yellen, apoyó una nueva asignación de los Derechos Especiales de Giro del Fondo Monetario Internacional (DEG), pero dijo que se necesitan parámetros amplios para impulsar la transparencia sobre cómo se usan y negocian las reservas. En una carta dirigida a los ministros de finanzas del G20, Yellen dijo que una nueva asignación de los DEG podría mejorar la liquidez de los países pobres y ayudar a sus esfuerzos de recuperación económica y sanitaria, lo que revierte la oposición anterior del gobierno de Estados Unidos. La jefa del Tesoro de EU no especificó el tamaño de la posible asignación de los DEG, que pueden ser convertidos en moneda fuerte por los miembros del FMI. Los funcionarios de finanzas del G20 debatirán el asunto hoy en su videoconferencia.

COLOMBIA, *El Espectador*, 27 February 2021: **Desplazamiento masivo en Peque, Antioquia, por enfrentamientos entre grupos armados.** El Clan

handout video released Tuesday. (Reuters/YouTube-vDud via Reuters TV) SHARES Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny has been transferred from a Moscow jail to an unknown location, his aides said Thursday, suggesting he may be beginning a prison sentence condemned as politically motivated. Russian President Vladimir Putin's most prominent opponent was this month sentenced to more than two years in a penal colony for breaching his parole terms while recovering in Germany from a poisoning attack. Navalny lawyer Olga Mikhailova said the defence team did not know where Navalny was being taken but suggested he could be transferred to a penal colony. "They didn't tell anyone where he is being sent," Mikhailova told AFP.

**EUROPE-NATO**, *The Jakarta Post* (Max Delany Agence France-Presse), 26 February 2021: EU leaders debate push to boost defences



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg removes his protective face mask during a press

prices of bread and other staples.



Protesters build a brick barrier on a main road during demonstrations against rising prices (photos: AFP). A long-awaited government in Sudan was announced last week amid violent protests decrying the dire economic conditions, which were the key reason behind mobilising the Sudanese people in a historic uprising in 2019 that led to the ouster of the Omar Al-Bashir's regime. Today, with the same levels of poverty and economic meltdown, a new government is taking over. It faces, in addition to traditional problems, such as tackling the stormy relations with neighbouring Addis Ababa and waves of opposition due to the normalisation deal with Israel. The new 25-member government replaced a caretaker cabinet of technocrats that has been running the country since July last year. It includes seven ex-rebel chiefs as ministers, in the framework of a power-sharing deal which the transitional authorities struck last year with a rebel alliance fighting government forces in the west and south. Days before announcing the

groups" in the region. Human rights emphasis Trump paid little attention to Saudi Arabia's human rights violations. His son-in-law and Middle East adviser Jared Kushner became texting friends with 35-year-old Prince Mohammed. Biden is likely to have his hands tied to some extent, because the reality is that MBS is lined up to take over Saudi Arabia and is already the de facto ruler. Typically, the United States does not impose sanctions on top-level foreign leaders. With its vast oil reserves and rivalry with Iran, Saudi Arabia is also a vital strategic ally. A reminder of shared US and Saudi interests in the region came Thursday when the US military struck at facilities they said were being used by Iran-backed forces in Syria. But the intelligence report's publication, which could come as early as Friday, is a sharp departure in tone, reinforcing the administration's policy of calling out Saudi Arabia on rights issues. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Thursday had his own telephone call with Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan. They "discussed the importance of Saudi progress on human rights, including through legal and judicial reforms," State Department spokesman Ned Price said. Prince Mohammed has said he accepts Saudi Arabia's overall responsibility in Khashoggi's killing but denies a personal link.

del Golfo y Disidencias de las Farc serían los responsables del desplazamiento forzado de 114 personas de la vereda Nueva Granada, del municipio antioqueño. La Personería municipal informó que otras 200 personas están en riesgo.



Desde el 25 de febrero 114 personas abandonaron sus casas tras la muerte de una mujer habitante de la vereda. / @GarantiasPsg El jueves 25 de febrero, mientras que en Ituango cuatro personas resultaron heridas tras ser atacadas por un grupo armado aún no identificado, habitantes de la vereda Nueva Granada, jurisdicción del municipio Peque, estuvieron entre el fuego cruzado de dos grupos criminales que serían las Disidencias de las Farc y el Clan del Golfo. Elisabeth Ortega, quien tenía 9 meses de embarazo, recibió el impacto de una bala perdida que le quitó la vida.

conference following a video conference with NATO Defence Ministers, at the NATO headquarters in Brussels on Feb. 18. (AFP/Virginia Mayo) SHARES EU leaders on Friday will discuss efforts aimed at bolstering the bloc's ability to tackle security threats, as Brussels looks to convince sceptics over its drive for a more assertive Europe. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg will join the video summit to talk cooperation in the face of worries from some member states that the EU's push could undermine the US-backed alliance. Debate has raged for decades over what role Brussels should play on defence, and individual nations have often been reluctant to agree moves to integrate military capabilities. France is championing a doctrine of "strategic autonomy" -- arguing the coronavirus pandemic and former US leader Donald Trump's threats to cut off allies show Europe has to be able to stand alone. Draft conclusions for Friday's meeting seen by AFP foresee leaders reaffirming that "in the face of increased global instability, the EU needs to take more responsibility for its security", but no concrete new announcements are due. The 27 nations will

new government, Sudan's Prime Minister Abdallah Hamdok dissolved the previous cabinet which only includes two ministers from the military, with the remaining coming from the Forces for Freedom and Change group, which was the driving force behind the anti-government protests that toppled Al-Bashir. However, Sudanese demands remain the same. Protests continued across the country's main cities ahead of installing the new government, demanding better economic conditions. Sudan faces towering economic challenges, including a huge budget deficit and widespread shortages of essential goods and soaring prices of bread and other staples. The country is \$70 billion in debt and its annual inflation rose beyond 200 per cent in the past months, along with chronic hard currency shortages and a flourishing black market.

NIGER, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 18 February 2021: **Niger : dernière ligne droite dans la course au palais.**



Mohamed Bazoum et Mahamane Ousmane, adversaires pour le second tour de l'élection présidentielle du 21

Sarah Leah Whitson, executive director of Democracy for the Arab World, an advocacy group founded by Khashoggi, said that Biden needed to take more concrete action. "President Biden should now fulfill his promise to hold MBS accountable for this murder by, at minimum, imposing the same sanctions on him as those imposed on his underlying culprits and ending the weapons transfers to Saudi Arabia that would be controlled by an unelected, brutal murderer," she said. Whitewash In Saudi Arabia, five people were handed death sentences over the murder. But a Saudi court in September overturned them while giving jail terms of up to 20 years to eight unnamed defendants following secretive legal proceedings. Human rights advocates called the judicial process a whitewash aimed at blaming the hit men while not touching the mastermind. CNN, quoting documents filed in a Canadian civil lawsuit, reported that two private jets used by the squad that allegedly flew to Istanbul to kill Khashoggi were owned by a company earlier seized by Prince Mohammed. A respected veteran journalist and editor, Khashoggi was in self-exile and residing in the United States, writing articles critical of the crown prince when he was assassinated on October 2, 2018. The 59-year-old writer had been told by



USA, Utsa

Patnaik and Prabhat Patnaik. 2021. **Capital and Imperialism: Theory, History, and the Present. Monthly Review Press:** Those who control the world's commanding economic heights, buttressed by the theories of mainstream economists, presume that capitalism is a self-contained and self-generating system. Nothing could be further from the truth. In this pathbreaking book—winner of the Paul A. Baran-Paul M. Sweezy Memorial Award—radical political economists Utsa Patnaik and Prabhat Patnaik argue that the accumulation of capital has always required the taking of land, raw materials, and bodies from noncapitalist modes of production. They begin with a thorough debunking of mainstream economics. Then, looking at the history of capitalism, from the beginnings of colonialism half a millennium ago to today's neoliberal regimes, they discover that, over the long haul, capitalism, in order to exist, must metastasize itself in the practice of imperialism and the immiseration of countless people. A few hundred years ago, write the Patnaiks, colonialism began to ensure vast, virtually free, markets for new products in burgeoning cities in the

insist they are looking to strengthen the EU's partnership with NATO and work closely with the new US leadership under President Joe Biden. "This global cooperation will benefit from a stronger EU in the field of security and defence," the draft says. Leaders will also focus on a drive by Europe to better protect itself from cyber attacks, and ask Brussels to come up with a roadmap for boosting the development of strategic technologies. EU ambitions on common defence have gathered steam in recent years, and all but two nations signed up to the landmark PESCO (Permanent Structured Cooperation) pact in 2017 to increase cooperation. The departure of Britain from the European Union saw the bloc lose some military and diplomatic heft, but also removed a fierce opponent of anything that might lead to a European army from the Brussels conversation. The EU now seeks a multibillion-euro fund to co-finance industrial defence projects and the five-billion-euro European Peace Facility (EPF), allowing it to provide military equipment and assistance to partner countries. But key questions remain on how projects like the EPF will be implemented, with one senior diplomat saying

février, ont sillonné pendant une dizaine de jours le pays. Le verdict des urnes est proche. Dans trois jours, 7,4 millions de Nigériens, sur une population globale estimée à 24 millions, se prononceront pour départager le candidat du Parti Nigérien pour la Démocratie et le Socialisme (PNDS Tarayya) et celui du Rassemblement Démocratique et Républicain (RDR Tchanji). Bazoum, crédité au premier tour de 39,3 % des suffrages valablement exprimés contre 16,99 % pour Ousmane, a la faveur des pronostics. En valeur absolue, le dauphin du président sortant, Mahamadou Issoufou, a récolté plus d'un million de voix par rapport à son rival. Si l'ancien ministre de l'Intérieur et de la Sécurité publique a récemment affirmé que « le pouvoir est déjà entre nos mains », c'est en partie grâce au ralliement de Seïni Oumarou et d'Albabé Abouba. Occupant respectivement la 3e et la 4e place au terme du premier acte, les leaders du Mouvement National pour la Société de Développement (MNSD Nassara) et du Mouvement Patriotique pour la République (MPR Jamhuriya) ont finalement adoubé le candidat du parti au pouvoir dont le slogan de campagne est « Ensemble, consolidons et avançons ».

SENEGAL, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 18 February 2021:

Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States to go to the Saudi consulate in Istanbul if he wanted to obtain documents for his forthcoming marriage. There he was killed, and his body dismembered by a team sent from Riyadh under the direction of Prince Mohammed's top security aide, Saud al-Qahtani.

SAUDI ARABIA-YEMEN, *The Jakarta Post (Agence France-Presse Riyadh)*, February 28: Saudi Arabia says Huthi missile attack on Riyadh thwarted



A handout photo taken and released by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) on March 29, 2020 shows Saudi-led coalition spokesman Colonel Turki Al-Malki giving explanations during a press conference, in Riyadh, on the displayed missile's debris fired on March 28 by Yemeni Huthi military group and intercepted by Riyadh. (Agence France Presse/SPA). Loud explosions shook Riyadh on Saturday as a Saudi-led military coalition said it thwarted a missile attack launched by Yemen's Huthi rebels, which sent debris raining down on civilian homes. The Iran-backed Huthis have

West. But even after slavery was generally abolished, millions of people in the Global South still fell prey to the continuing lethal exigencies of the marketplace. Even after the Second World War, when decolonization led to the end of the so-called “Golden Age of Capitalism,” neoliberal economies stepped in to reclaim the Global South, imposing drastic “austerity” measures on working people. But, say the Patnaiks, this neoliberal economy, which lives from bubble to bubble, is doomed to a protracted crisis. In its demise, we are beginning to see—finally—the transcendence of the capitalist system.

MEXICO, *El Economista*, 1 March 2021: AMLO: Ya van 25 gobernadores que se han unido al acuerdo en favor de la democracia. López Obrador destacó que es muy probable que se adhieran más gobernadores al acuerdo.



López Obrador en la conferencia mañanera del 1 de marzo del 2021. El presidente Andrés Manuel López Obrador destacó esta

some countries refuse to go beyond training missions. "There will be bumps along the implementation road in these early years, requiring political will," according to an analysis from the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Right-sizing ambitions and a strong trans-Atlantic dialogue will be crucial."

Diplomats say Brussels received backing from Biden's administration for its efforts when Secretary of State Antony Blinken spoke to EU foreign ministers on Monday. But a senior EU official admitted the push has worried some in the bloc, who look towards NATO as a bulwark against a more aggressive Moscow. "The capacity for the EU to act in a more autonomous way unnerves member states on the front line against Russia because they fear a disengagement from NATO," the official said. Those nerves were reinforced last week when French President Emmanuel Macron again questioned if the transatlantic alliance was "still pertinent" in the post-Cold War world. Those views have found little support, and leading economic power Germany remains firmly committed to NATO. The alliance with North America,

### Nouveau cadre de coopération entre le Sénégal et l'USAID

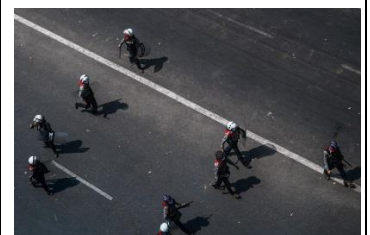


Ce nouveau programme d'un montant de six cent millions de dollars US, soit plus de 325,8 milliards F CFA, est constitué de quatre conventions de financement, sous forme de dons. Cet accord de coopération quinquennal constitue la contribution de l'USAID à la mise en œuvre du PAP 2A, notamment dans les réformes clés entreprises par le gouvernement, a fait savoir le ministre sénégalais de l'Economie, Amadou Hott. Le PAP 2A est le Plan d'action prioritaire 2 ajusté et accéléré du Plan Sénégal Émergent (PSE) pour la relance de l'économie, post Covid-19. Ce nouveau cadre de coopération 2020-2025 développe une nouvelle approche appelée « Le parcours vers l'autonomie ». Il s'articule autour de trois axes, à savoir : une croissance économique inclusive et durable ; un capital humain amélioré ; et une efficacité et redevabilité du gouvernement accrues.

CONGO, *Deutsche Welle* (Isaac Mugabi, Reuters, AP), 23 FEBRUARY 2021: **Uganda: FDLR Rebels Blamed for Killing of Italian**

escalated attacks on the kingdom, while they step up an offensive to seize the Saudi-backed Yemeni government's last northern stronghold of Marib. The Saudi-led coalition said it intercepted a Huthi ballistic missile targeting Riyadh, according to the official SPA news agency. Fragments of the missile scattered over several Riyadh neighbourhoods, damaging at least one home but no casualties were reported, state-run Al-Ekhbariya television said. AFP correspondents in the Saudi capital reported hearing multiple loud explosions. The night sky lit up with a bright flash following the interception of a missile, state television footage showed. Separately, the coalition said it intercepted six Huthi drones targeting the kingdom, including the southern cities of Khamis Mushait and Jizan. The rebels did not immediately claim responsibility for any of the attacks. They frequently strike southern areas and have previously targeted Riyadh with missiles and drones.

JAPAN-MYANMAR, *The Jakarta Post* (Kyodo News Tokyo), 1 March 2021:



Japan condemns killing of protesters by Myanmar security forces . Police walk on a street in Yangon on February 28, 2021, as

mañana en conferencia de prensa en Palacio Nacional que ya son 25 los gobernadores (incluida la jefa de Gobierno de la Ciudad de México, **Claudia Sheinbaum**), que [han manifestado su adhesión al acuerdo en favor de la democracia](#). El pasado martes 23 de febrero, [el mandatario exhortó, por medio de una carta, a todos los gobernadores de los estados de la República](#) a no intervenir para apoyar a ningún candidato ni a ningún partido en las elecciones de junio de este año. AMLO destacó que es muy probable que se adhieran más gobernadores al acuerdo. Por medio de una relectura de la carta, López Obrador recordó que el propósito de este acuerdo es hacer un acuerdo nacional en favor de la democracia, “por mi parte les manifiesto que actuare como siempre con absoluta rectitud y en defensa de la soberanía popular y a esto mismo les convoco a ustedes”, dijo. Detalló que hay que dejar a los ciudadanos que libremente decidan “sobre quién debe gobernarlos, representarlos”, señaló.

MEXICO, *El Economista*, 1 March 2021: ELECIONES 2021.

which includes 21 EU members, has been the bedrock for European security since it was founded over seven decades ago to confront the Soviet Union. Trump rattled NATO as he accused Washington's allies of underspending on defence and taking advantage of the US -- but Biden has declared the "trans-Atlantic alliance is back". Officials in Brussels insist any push for greater autonomy is not a threat but an opportunity. "The US is right to tell Europeans to 'do your part'," EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said. "A stronger and more capable and strategically focused European Union is not a rival to NATO, it is a stronger transatlantic member."

FRANCE, *Iran Daily* ([GONZALO FUENTES/REUTERS](#)), 1 March 2021: [Former French president Sarkozy sentenced to jail in corruption trial](#)



[Former French president Nicolas Sarkozy \(C\) arrives for the verdict in his trial on charges of corruption and influence peddling, at](#)

## Ambassador to DR Congo



*MONUSCO/Force/Flickr. A MONUSCO patrol in North Kivu. The Democratic Republic of Congo has accused the FDLR rebels of killing the Italian ambassador to the country on Monday. But the rebels are shifting the blame to the armies of DR Congo and neighboring Rwanda.*

Ambassador Luca Attanasio died of his injuries after the World Food Programme (WFP) convoy in which he was traveling came under gunfire near Goma, the capital of eastern North Kivu province on Monday.. His bodyguard and a driver in the WFP convoy were also killed. North Kivu Governor Carly Nzanzu told DW that the attackers were fighters of the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), a militia founded by Hutu extremists partly responsible for the 1994 Rwandan genocide. "According to our information, the six attackers spoke Kinyarwanda, and the armed groups in the region where the attack took place are mostly FDLR," Nzanzu said.

security forces continue to crackdown on demonstrations by protesters against the military coup. (Agence France Presse/Ye Aung Thu) SHARES Japan on Monday condemned the use of deadly force by Myanmar security forces against protesters of last month's military coup. At least 18 protesters were killed and over 30 wounded on Sunday as live ammunition was reportedly fired into crowds in a half dozen cities across the country including Yangon, according to the UN Human Rights Office. "The use of force against peaceful protesters is unacceptable, and we strongly urge Myanmar security forces to immediately stop the violence against civilians," the government's top spokesman, Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato, told a press conference on Monday.

VATICAN-IRAQ, *The Economist*, 6 March 2021: The pope is heading for Iraq, where Christians remain afraid. The country is rebuilding churches, but will anyone fill the pews?



Things are moving quickly in Qaraqosh, a sleepy Christian town just outside Mosul in northern Iraq. Pope Francis arrives on March 7th, four years after Islamic State (is)

<p>¿Cómo funcionará la propaganda política en redes sociales durante las campañas electorales de México en 2021? Tras el escándalo de Cambridge Analytica de 2016, cuando se manipuló al electorado estadounidense por medio de mensajes en Facebook, las principales plataformas de redes sociales han realizado serios ajustes a sus políticas de publicidad. Este año, México podrá verificar la efectividad de los cambios, durante la elección más grande de la historia. El 6 de junio de 2021 se celebrarán las elecciones más grandes de la historia por la cantidad de cargos que se renovarán en México. Se espera elegir cargos populares en 32 estados, entre ellos 500 diputados federales, 15 gubernaturas, 1,063 diputaciones locales de 30 congresos y la jefatura de 1,926 ayuntamientos en 30 estados a través del voto ciudadano. No hay duda de que las redes sociales serán parte fundamental de las contiendas electorales, pero ¿cómo funcionará la propaganda política en las plataformas digitales</p>	<p><a href="#">Paris courthouse, France, on March 1, 2021.</a> <b>A French court found former president Nicolas Sarkozy guilty on Monday of trying to bribe a judge and influence peddling, making him the second head of state in modern-day France to be convicted of corruption.</b> Sarkozy, who led France from 2007 to 2012, was found guilty of offering a plum job in Monaco to a judge in exchange for inside information on an inquiry into his campaign finances, AFP reported. He was sentenced to three years in prison, including two years suspended. The same sentence was handed down to his co-defendants – lawyer Thierry Herzog and Judge Gilbert Azibert. The former president and his lawyer were found guilty of seeking to bribe Judge Azibert for information on an inquiry into claims the former leader had received illicit payments from L’Oreal heiress Liliane Bettencourt during his successful 2007</p>	<p>The attackers had attempted to kidnap the Italian diplomat for ransom, the governor told DW. "The rebels stopped the WFP convoy with warning bullets before bringing down the passengers on board, including the ambassador. According to survivors, the rebels wanted money from the ambassador." The FDLR is often accused of atrocities against the civilian population in DR Congo. Kidnapping for ransom would be a relatively new strategy for the militias. "The FDLR have been in the region for more than 20 years and so far, have exploited natural resources, especially wood. Today, however, together with other local armed groups, they could be involved in the kidnapping of convoys civilians or humanitarian workers." Nzanzu said. Fredrick Golooba Mutebi, a commentator on the Great Lakes region, said he wonders why the FDLR has so been quickly accused of being behind the attack. "Many groups are roaming in that area. It could be the FDLR or any other group. Besides, there are other Kinyarwanda-speaking Congolese," Mutebi told DW.</p> <p>MOZAMBIQUE, <i>The Jakarta Post</i> (Joaquim Nhamirre Agence</p>	<p>was chased out. So local priests have been hurriedly cleaning up al-Tahira, their cathedral and one of Iraq’s largest churches. They have refurbished its burnt interior and repaired most of the masonry that the jihadists used for target practice. When your correspondent visited, five days before the pope, smashed chandeliers and a golden crucifix torn down by is still littered the forecourt. Father Ammar Yako, the priest overseeing the project, says he has received no support from the Iraqi government; the funding has come from Catholic groups in the West. He says he will finish just in time for the Holy Father. Pope Francis is the first-ever pontiff to visit Iraq, where over 95% of the population is thought to be Muslim. He arrives at a difficult time for its Christians, whose forebears have been in the country since the first century. Churches are being rebuilt, but there are fewer believers to fill the pews. Around 1.2m Christians lived in Iraq in 2003. War and misery have pushed that number down to around 250,000, or less than 1% of the population (see chart). Many of those who left will never come back.</p>
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durante este periodo electoral?

USA, *Iran Daily*, 1 March 2021: [Trump repeats election lies, raps disloyal Republicans, and hints at 2024 run](#)



REUTERS

Former US president Donald Trump speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Florida, on February 28, 2021. **Former US president Donald Trump hinted on Sunday at a possible presidential run in 2024, attacked President Joe Biden and repeated his fraudulent claims he won the 2020 election in his first major appearance since leaving the White House nearly six weeks ago.**

Addressing the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Florida, Trump vowed to help Republicans try to regain majorities – lost during his presidency – in the US House of Representatives and Senate in 2022

presidential campaign. The state's case was based on wiretaps of conversations between Herzog and Sarkozy, with prosecutors accusing him of "using secret telephone lines" to cover up his attempt to infiltrate the court.

VATICAN, *Folha de S. Paulo*, 10 March 2021: **Papa Francisco questiona venda de armas a terroristas após viagem histórica ao Iraque.**



Pontífice repreende fabricantes de armamentos e faz apelo por fraternidade como resposta a guerras.

RUSSIA, *Le Monde diplomatique* (**HÉLÈNE RICHARD**), March 2021: UN OPPOSANT PEUT-ÊTRE PLUS GÊNANT QUE LE KREMLIN NE L'IMAGINE. Alexeï Navalny, prophète en son pays? Victime d'une tentative d'empoisonnement, l'opposant russe Alexeï Navalny se trouve aujourd'hui derrière les

*France-Presse*), 25 February 2021: Mozambique democracy under threat as opposition loses leaders.



In this file photograph taken on October 13, 2014, Mozambican Democratic Movement (MDM) President and then presidential candidate Daviz Simango gestures as he speaks during an interview with AFP in Maputo, ahead of the country's 2014 general elections. - The leader of Mozambique's second largest opposition party and a top mayor who fought climate change in his low-lying coastal city Beira, Daviz Simango, died on February 22, 2021, aged 57, his family said. He was transferred to a South African hospital last week for treatment, his brother Lutero Simango said in a text message, without disclosing the nature of the illness. (AFP/Gianluigi Guercia). The death this week of an opposition leader has inflicted a heavy blow to Mozambique's fragile democracy after the loss of Afonso Dhlakama, a charismatic former guerrilla fighter, analysts say. Daviz Simango, the 57-year-old founder of Mozambique's second largest opposition party, died of an undisclosed illness in a South African hospital. His sudden

IRAQ-VATICAN, *Iran Daily*, 6 March 2021: [Pope Francis meets with Ayatollah Sistani during visit to Iraq.](#)



**Pope Francis, head of the Roman Catholic Church, held closed-door talks with Iraq's prominent Shia cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani on the second day of his visit to the Arab country.** The meeting took place at Ayatollah Sistani's residence in the holy city of Najaf on Saturday morning. The office of Ayatollah Sistani said in a statement that he highlighted challenges facing mankind and stressed the role of belief in God and commitment to high moral values in overcoming them, Press TV reported. Ayatollah Sistani cited injustice, oppression, poverty, religious persecution, repression of fundamental freedoms, wars, violence, economic siege and displacement of many people in the region, especially the Palestinians in the occupied territories as some of the major problems which afflict the world. The cleric touched on the role which religious and spiritual leaders can play in

congressional elections and dangled himself as a possibility for president in 2024, Reuters reported. "With your help, we will take back the House, we will win the Senate and then a Republican president will make a triumphant return to the White House. I wonder who will that be?" he said, smiling. "Who, who, who will that be, I wonder." Trump's weeks away from Washington do not appear to have dimmed his anger at Republicans who voted to impeach or convict in a failed congressional effort to hold him responsible for inciting a deadly attack on the US Capitol on Jan. 6.

**BRAZIL, Zero Hora, 10 March 2021: Lula crítica Lava-Jato e projeta futuro eleitoral com foco na pandemia e na economia.**



Ex-presidente falou na sede do Sindicato dos Metalúrgicos, em São Paulo, após ter recuperado seus direitos políticos.

**BRAZIL, Povo (Renato Revolta), 10 March 2021: 'Não tenho mágoas', diz Lula após anulação de**

barreaux. Tout en appelant à sa libération, les chancelleries occidentales préparent l'adoption de nouvelles sanctions. Si le Kremlin n'entend rien céder aux pressions internationales, qu'il qualifie d'ingérences, il surveille les conséquences de l'affaire à l'intérieur du pays.

UK, *The Japan Times*, 15 March 2021: **Boris Johnson moves to defuse anger over U.K. police violence**



Images of male officers pinning down female demonstrators at a Saturday event meant to draw attention to violence against women have drawn criticism.

UE, *The Japan Times* (CAROLINE COPLEY, ANDREAS RINKE AND ALLISON MARTELL), 15 March 2021: **As vaccine nationalism deepens, governments pay to bring**

death came little more than two years after Dhlakama died following a heart attack. Dhlakama, the former leader of the Renamo rebel movement, had been the face of opposition to the Frelimo government after the country's long and brutal civil war. The loss of these two prominent figures deprives the country of two nationally-heard voices of dissent, say commentators. "The opposition was already dying, fighting this big elephant which is the ruling Frelimo party," said political science professor Domingos do Rosario of the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo. "It is a dark scenario." Dhlakama signed a historic peace accord in 1992, ending a 14-year civil war that devastated the economy, left a million people dead and caused 1.5 million others to seek refuge in neighbouring countries.

NIGERIA, *Iran Daily*, 2 March 2021: **Nigerian governor: 279 kidnapped schoolgirls freed.**



**REUTERS. Hundreds of Nigerian schoolgirls abducted last week from a boarding school in the northwestern Zamfara state have been released, the state's governor said Tuesday.** Zamfara state governor Bello

tackling some of these problems. Ayatollah Sistani said religious leaders have to encourage parties involved in conflicts, particularly the world powers, to give primacy to rationality over confrontation. He also stressed the importance of efforts to strengthen peaceful coexistence and solidarity based on mutual respect among the followers of different religions and intellectual groups. Ayatollah Sistani emphasized that the Christian citizens of Iraq, like all other Iraqis, should live in security and peace and enjoy their fundamental rights. He referred to the role played by the religious authority in protecting Christians and all those who have suffered from the criminal acts of terrorists over the past years. After the one-hour meeting, Pope Francis traveled to the Iraqi city of Ur, which is believed to be the birthplace of Prophet Abraham (PBUH). The pontiff arrived in Iraq on Friday for a three-day trip amid concerns about the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to Ayatollah Sistani, Pope Francis has so far met with Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi and President Barham Salih. Iraq's Christian community has seen its numbers drop from nearly 1.5 million to about 250,000, less than

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O ex-presidente Lula afirmou que não tem mágoas pela condenação e pelo tempo em que permaneceu preso na Lava-Jato após a decisão do ministro do Supremo Tribunal Federal Edson Fachin que anulou os processos da operação que condenaram o ex-presidente.

— Se tem um brasileiro que tem razão de ter muitas e profundas mágoas, sou eu. Mas não tenho.

Sinceramente, eu não tenho porque o sofrimento que o povo brasileiro está passando é infinitamente maior que qualquer crime que cometeram contra mim. É maior que cada dor que eu sentia quando estava preso na Polícia Federal — afirmou Lula.

USA, *Foreign Affairs* (**Binyamin Appelbaum**), **March/April 2021: review of** *Mike Konczal*,

**production home.**

Governments across the globe are rushing to access fragmented vaccine production after manufacturing setbacks deprived European Union members of drugs made on their own soil this year.

LIBYA, *Libya Harald (Sami Zaptia)*, 13 March 2021: **GNU freezes spending of state investment funds and companies.**



Aldabaiba started issuing decrees today after moving into the PM's Office (Photo: GNU). In its first decree (1/2021) since physically moving into the Tripoli Prime Minister's Office, the incoming Libyan Government of National Unity (GNU) of Abd Alhamid Aldabaiba today froze all financial activities of all state investment funds and companies. The temporary freeze excludes the payment of salaries. The GNU said this is to avoid any suspicion of corruption.

LIBYA, *Libya Harald (Sami Zaptia)*, 15 March 2021: **Presidency head Menfi stresses government's tasks in solving bottlenecks,**

Matawalle announced that 279 girls have been freed. Gunmen abducted the girls from the Government Girls Junior Secondary School in Jangebe town on Friday, in the latest in a series of mass kidnappings of students in the West African nation. An Associated Press reporter saw hundreds of girls dressed in light blue Muslim veils and barefoot sitting at the state Government House in Gusau. After the meeting, the girls were escorted outside by officials and lined up to be taken away in vans. They appeared calm and ranged in ages from 10 and up. Matawalle said they would be taken for medical examinations before being reunited with their families. “God be praised! It gladdens my heart to announce the release of the abducted students of GGSS Jangebe from captivity. This follows the scaling of several hurdles laid against our efforts. I enjoin all well-meaning Nigerians to rejoice with us as our daughters are now safe,” Matawalle said in a post on Twitter early Tuesday.

NIGERIA, *The Economist*, 4 March 2021: **On gay rights, young Africans share the intolerance of their elders. Gay**

1% of the population over the last two decades. Iraqi Christians fled the country to escape the chaos and violence that ensued after the US invasion of the country in 2003. Tens of thousands were also displaced when the Daesh terrorist group overran vast swathes in northern Iraq in 2014, targeting various ethnic and religious groups of the country. The Takfiri terrorist group was vanquished in December 2017 after a three-year anti-terror military campaign with the crucial support of neighboring Iran. Daesh's remnants, though, keep staging sporadic attacks across Iraq, attempting to regroup and unleash a new reign of terror. The terrorist group has intensified its deadly attacks in Iraq since January 2020, when the US assassinated legendary anti-terror Iranian commander General Qassem Soleimani and his Iraqi trenchmate Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis near Baghdad airport. Saraya Awliya al-Dam group, part of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Units better known as Hash al-Sha'abi, announced in a statement that it had stopped all its anti-terror operations during the pope's visit and out of respect for Ayatollah Sistani. The statement also condemned the

2021. Freedom From the Market: America's Fight to Liberate Itself From the Grip of the Invisible Hand. New Press.

USA, *Foreign Affairs* (Kevin Rudd), March/April 2021  
Short of War. How to Keep U.S.-Chinese Confrontation From Ending in Calamity.



Officials in Washington and Beijing don't agree on much these days, but there is one thing on which they see eye to eye: the contest between their two countries will enter a decisive phase in the 2020s. This will be the decade of living dangerously. No matter what strategies the two sides pursue or what events unfold, the tension between the United States and China will grow, and competition will intensify; it is inevitable. War, however, is not. It remains possible for the two countries to put in place guardrails that would prevent a catastrophe: a joint framework for what I call "managed strategic competition" would reduce the risk of

preparing for elections and starting reconciliation.



Presidency Council head Mohamed Menfi (Photo: PC). During his speech at the swearing-in ceremony for the Government of National Unity (GNU) before parliament in Tobruk today, Presidency Council head, Mohamed Menfi summarized the GNU's tasks in its short term in office as solving bottlenecks of services and goods to citizens, preparing for the 24 December elections and starting the process of reconciliation. Here is his speech in full: "We wish you success at this beginning, and we know that this is a short period of eight to nine months in order to accomplish a set of tasks, the first of which is related to the government and the executive tasks of solving some bottlenecks that concern the citizen. We hope that the Prime Minister and the ministers will focus on creating the appropriate atmosphere in order to reach the main point that we all want, which

Africans demanding equality face a violent backlash.



When gay Nigerians took to the streets to join massive protests against police brutality last year, it was not just the police who attacked them. Fellow protesters also hurled insults at them, ripped up their rainbow flags and tore placards from their hands. "I felt like a lot of people just wanted me dead," says Matthew Blaise, a 21-year-old student. In many parts of the world the young are far more tolerant than their elders of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (lgbt) people. But with a few exceptions, such as in Botswana, which decriminalised homosexuality in 2019, young Africans seem to be almost as homophobic as their grandparents.

BURKINA FASO, *Reuter* (Sam Mednick), 4 March 2021: **Burkina Faso: Affordable Housing Push Fuels Land Tensions in Burkina Faso.**

assassination of Muhandis and General Soleimani who was targeted during an official visit to Iraq. "We, Arabs, warmly receive our guests. Unlike the United States which betrayed the official guest of Iraq and warrior of Islam, General Soleimani, we will never follow such an approach," the statement said.

CHINA, *The Economist*, 6 March 2021: **In Hong Kong**, 47 activists were charged with violating the territory's national-security law.



As a court began hearing defendants' petitions to be released on bail, hundreds of supporters gathered outside. The activists' alleged crimes relate to an informal primary ballot held last year by pro-democracy politicians in order to produce strong candidates for the Legislative Council. The government saw this as a plot to gain control of the council and block its work.

**China's** Communist Party began a purge of agencies involved in maintaining law and order, including the police, secret police, courts and the prison system.



competition escalating into open conflict.

USA, *The Japan Times*

([HIROKO](#)

[TABUCHI AND MICHAEL](#)

[CORKERY](#)), 14 March 2021:

**Exports of U.S. plastic garbage rise, despite ban**



Trash pickers search for recyclable plastic and other items of value at a landfill in Bantar Gebang, Indonesia, in February 2020. | ADAM DEAN / THE NEW YORK TIMES. Environmental watchdog groups say exporters are ignoring the new rules that went into effect last year.

USA, *Monthly Review* ([Zhun Xu](#)), March 2021: **The Ideology of Late Imperialism. The Return of the Geopolitics of the Second International**



is the elections at the end of this year, specifically on December 24th. [...]).

SYRIA, 16 March 2021: *Le Monde* (*Benjamin Barthe*), 16 March 2021: Asma Al-Assad, première dame de Syrie, passée des bonnes œuvres aux basses œuvres. A côté de ses activités caritatives, Asma Al-Assad s'est associée à des affairistes, qui ont fait fortune grâce à la guerre, pour assurer les intérêts de son clan. On l'a d'abord encensée comme une « Lady Di arabe », au début des années 2000, pour la touche glamour qu'elle apportait à un régime poussiéreux. Elle a ensuite été qualifiée de « Marie-Antoinette syrienne », frivole et sans cœur, quand, en 2012, en pleine répression du soulèvement anti-Assad, le piratage des courriels du couple présidentiel a révélé qu'elle commandait des escarpins Louboutin sur Internet. Puis entre 2018 et 2019, alors qu'elle luttait contre un cancer, la propagande d'Etat l'a dépeinte en mère courage, poursuivant ses



Sam Mednick/Thomson

Reuters Foundation

Joanny Nakoulima stands on his farm in front of a row of severed trees, which he says were bulldozed in January by a real estate agency that's claiming his land in Burkina Faso, February 5, 2021.

*Unfair or illegal deals pit neighbours and families against each other as Burkina Faso aims to build 40,000 new homes.*

- Project aims to build 40,000 affordable homes
- Villagers say developers are making unfair deals for land
- Government will look at reforms to land law

While Joanny Nakoulima was visiting neighbours in January, bulldozers blazed through his farm in central Burkina Faso unannounced, destroying his crops within minutes. The machines belonged to a property developer that claims it was granted the right to develop his land and that of other residents in Boassa village, as part of a government drive to increase affordable housing across the country, Nakoulima said. "I'm frustrated and I'm afraid," said the 66-

IRAN, *Iran Daily*, 7 March 2021: [British-Iranian national Nazanin Zaghari freed: Lawyer.](#)



**A British-Iranian national jailed in Iran for espionage was released on Sunday after having served a five-year, her lawyer said.**

Speaking to IRNA on Sunday, Hojjat Kermani added that Nazanin Zaghari was freed after the termination of her jail term and her ankle monitor was removed. "Today (Sunday) the five-year [prison] sentence of Ms. Zaghari was finished and her ankle monitor was removed taking into account that since a year ago she was under house arrest, carrying an ankle monitor, which allowed her to get as far as 300 meters from her father's home," he added, according to Press TV. The lawyer, however, said his client was to attend another court hearing in a separate case involving propaganda against the Islamic Republic, adding that the hearing is scheduled later this month. It is not yet clear if Zaghari can leave the country.

Stuttgart Congress of the Second International, 1907. In 1990, when renowned Indian Marxian economist Prabhat Patnaik asked "Whatever Happened to Imperialism?," once vibrant and influential schools of theories on imperialism were at a postwar historic low. When he left the West to return to India in 1974, imperialism was at the center of all Marxist discussions. But when he came back to the West merely fifteen years later, imperialism already seemed out of fashion. After all, the end of the Soviet Union and liberals' declaration of the end of history were near.

USA-RUSSIA, *La Repubblica* (Rosalba Castelletti), 18 March 2021: Russia, Putin risponde a Biden che lo ha chiamato "killer": "Chi lo dice, lo è".



USA, NYT (AZI PAYBARAH and MARIA CRAMER), 22 March 2021: First Atlanta, then Boulder: Two mass shootings in a week. Before the shootings in

activités caritatives malgré la chimiothérapie, pour mieux exalter la résilience du régime tout entier.



Le couple présidentiel syrien, Bachar et Asma Al-Assad, lors de la visite d'une société indienne d'informatique, à Bangalore, en Inde, en 2008. AIJAZ RAHI / AP. Depuis un an et demi, l'épouse du président syrien Bachar Al-Assad donne à voir une autre facette de sa personnalité : la femme d'affaires sans scrupule, déterminée à enrichir son clan malgré la guerre. Celle que le magazine de mode américain *Vogue* avait qualifiée de « *rose du désert* », en février 2011, quelques semaines avant le début du soulèvement anti-Assad, a aiguisé ses épines. La transformation n'a pas échappé aux limiers du Trésor américain qui l'ont placée sous sanctions, en juin 2020, de même que des membres de sa famille et des entrepreneurs proches d'elle. Avant d'apparaître comme

year-old farmer, standing in front of a row of severed trees on his farm. "I'm powerless. But I know that one day the truth will be revealed ... because I won't give up." Conflict over land in the West African nation has been ongoing for years, fuelled by competition between farmers and cattle breeders for territory, pasture and water, say locals and land rights advocates. But a recent push by the government to develop rural land for housing, with the help of property companies, is inflaming tensions as locals say they are being exploited by developers and the government is doing little to help.

BURUNDI, *The East African* (Moses Havyarimana), 9 MARCH 2021: **Burundi: President Grants Amnesty to 5,000 Prisoners**



Antéditeste Niragira/*Deutsche Welle*. President Evariste Ndayishimiye. Burundi's President Evariste Ndayishimiye has granted amnesty to more than 5,000 prisoners. A presidential decree dated March 5, 2021 and made public on Monday granted amnesty to 5,255

IRAQ-VATICAN, *Iran Daily*, 8 March 2021: Iran: Pope's visit thanks to calm, secure Iraq



VATICAN MEDIA. Pope Francis is accompanied by Iraq's President Barham Salih and his wife Sarbagh Salih before departing for Rome, at Baghdad International Airport in Baghdad, on March 8, 2021. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said on Monday that the Pope Francis' "constructive" trip to Iraq was made possible thanks to a "calm and secure Iraq". Khatibzadeh called the Pope's trip to neighboring Iraq "very good" and "constructive," and described his meeting with Iraq's senior Shia cleric Ayatollah Ali Sistani as conveying inter-religious peace, according to AFP. Pope Francis met Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani in the Iraqi city of Najaf during the first-ever visit to the country by a pontiff. "The Pope's visit to Iraq was a very good and important visit," Khatibzadeh told reporters at a press conference. The "constructive" trip was made possible thanks to a "calm and secure Iraq."

Atlanta last week, there had been no such killings since March 2020, according to the Violence Project.



USA, *NYT* (BRYAN PIETSCH, NEIL VIGDOR and WILL WRIGHT), 23 March 2021: Gunman Kills 10 in Grocery Store. The shooting in Colorado comes only six days after another deadly mass shooting in the Atlanta area, which left eight people dead.



USA, *NYT* (Veronica Escobar), 24 March 2021: **Solving the Migrant Crisis Means Going Beyond Our Border**. Until we address what motivates people to leave their home countries, they will continue to come.

une « *profiteuse de guerre* », selon Washington, Asma Al-Assad gérait les bonnes œuvres du régime. A la tête du Syria Trust for Development (STD), une ONG fondée en 2007, elle coordonnait la distribution d'aide aux handicapés, aux femmes ou aux régions rurales. La fondation jouait le rôle de vitrine civile d'un régime à forte connotation sécuritaire et militaire. Puis, à partir de 2012 et de la militarisation du soulèvement, le Syria Trust s'est transformé en un ministère des affaires humanitaires de fait, doté de 1 500 employés.

GERMANY, *Le Monde* (Thomas Wieder), 16 March 2021: La droite allemande se fait peur à six mois des élections législatives. Le double scrutin régional de dimanche a conforté les Verts et jeté le trouble dans le parti d'Angela Merkel. Dirigeront-ils le prochain gouvernement ? Seront-ils même en mesure d'y participer ? Après leur double revers électoral, dimanche 14 mars, dans le Bade-Wurtemberg et en Rhénanie-

inmates countrywide with the exception of those who committed crimes against humanity and other major crimes. It grants amnesty to "prisoners definitively sentenced to less than or equal to five years for all offences with the exception of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, armed robbery, illegally owning arms, armed robbery, terrorism machinery or bioterrorism, voluntary homicide, rape, and human traffickers." Inmates convicted of other minor crimes, pregnant women or those with children in the prison, minors, prisoners with chronic diseases, prisoners aged 70 years and above and inmates with mental disorders are expected to benefit from the president's amnesty. "Those convicted of corruption and/or corruption-related offences regardless of the sentence imposed, provided they have paid the amounts of embezzlement and the damages and interest pronounced by the courts and tribunals will benefit," the statement reads. This comes as the president has launched a clampdown on corruption that is said to have greatly impacted the country's economy for decades.

he said. Tehran helped Iraqi troops fight the Daesh terrorist group. Iraq proclaimed victory over the terrorist group in late 2017. "Iraq, with the braveries of the Iraqi people, the wisdom of the (religious) authority, and the pure blood that was shed in the face of extremism and foreign conspiracies, has now reached a state of security," he added. "The meeting with Iraq's high (religious) authority, Ayatollah Sistani, on its own showed interreligious dialogue and closeness between religions," Khatibzadeh said. He noted that it conveyed "no other message than dialogue, peace, and friendship between religions and cooperation between civilizations, in contrast to those who seek violence and bloodshed". In Baghdad on Friday, Pope Francis called for an end to violence and extremism and urged officials in Iraq to do more to fight corruption. Pope Francis ended his historic tour of Iraq on Monday, departing by plane from Baghdad after visiting conflict-torn cities, meeting Muslim and Christian leaders and preaching peace and coexistence over war, according to Reuters. He toured four cities, including Mosul, Daesh's former stronghold where vast areas still lie in ruins,



HONDURAS, NYT (EMILY PALMER and KIRK SEMPLE), 23 March 2021: [A Damning Portrait of Presidential Corruption, but Hondurans Sound Resigned.](#)



President Juan Orlando Hernández of Honduras figured prominently in a U.S. drug trial, but few think it will matter in a country mired in corruption.

USA, NYT (**David E. Sanger**), 26 March 2021: **Biden invites world leaders, including Putin and Xi, to a climate summit.**



A climate change protest in New Delhi last week. Among the invitees are the leaders of all the United States' major European

Palatinat, les conservateurs allemands n'excluent plus un tel scénario catastrophe. A six mois des législatives du 26 septembre, qui doivent déboucher sur l'élection du successeur d'Angela Merkel à la chancellerie, leurs dirigeants semblent juger sérieuse l'hypothèse de se voir chasser du pouvoir et reléguer sur les bancs de l'opposition.

MOROCCO, *Le Monde*, 16 March 2021: Au Maroc, la direction d'« Akhbar al-Yaoum » annonce la fermeture du journal. Le quotidien indépendant arabophone, dont le directeur de publication et le rédacteur en chef sont en prison, dénonce un « harcèlement continu ».



Un homme lit le journal à Rabat, le 12 novembre 2014. FADEL SENNA / AFP. La direction du quotidien [marocain](#)

According to Transparency International report of 2020, Burundi ranks at 165 out of 180 countries in the corruption index. Dozens of government officials, including law enforcers (police), have been arrested for corruption and relieved from their duties indefinitely.

ETHIOPIA, *The Daily Nation* (*Tesfa-Alem Tekle*) 1 MARCH 2021: **U.S. Urges Withdrawal of Eritrean, Ethiopian Forces From Tigray:**



*Human Rights Watch.* Ethiopia Tigray map (file photo). The US government has urged Eritrea and Ethiopia to immediately withdraw their deployed forces from the war-torn Tigray region. In a statement issued over the weekend, the US State Department said that it is "gravely concerned" over reported atrocities and the overall deteriorating situation in the northern Tigray region bordering Eritrea. "We strongly condemn the killings, forced removals and displacements, sexual assaults, and other extremely serious

telling Iraqis that "peace is more powerful than war".

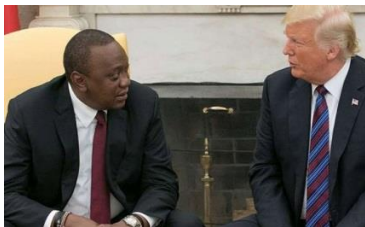
MYANMAR, *Iran Daily*, 8 March 2021: [Three protesters killed in Myanmar; shops, factories closed.](#)



**REUTERS.** Three demonstrators were killed in Myanmar on Monday, witnesses said, while shops, factories and banks were closed in the main city Yangon in protests against last month's military coup. Security forces were also deployed at hospitals and universities, state media said. Two of the victims died of gunshot wounds to the head in the northern town of Myitkyina, the witnesses said. It was not immediately clear who fired on the protesters although both police and the military were at the scene, Reuters wrote. Photos posted on Facebook showed the bodies of two men lying on the street. Witnesses said they were taking part in a protest against the coup when police fired stun grenades and tear gas. Several people were then hit by gunfire from nearby buildings. One witness, who said he helped move the bodies, said two people were shot

and Asian allies, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India. Credit...Altaf Qadri/Associated Press. President Biden on Friday invited 40 world leaders, including Presidents Vladimir V. Putin of Russia and Xi Jinping of China, to participate in a climate summit next month. The summit will begin on Earth Day, April 22. Like all of Mr. Biden's international meetings so far, it will be held virtually, and a White House announcement said it would be "live streamed for public viewing."

USA-KENYA, *The East African* (Brian Ngugi), 5 APRIL 2021: **Kenya: Biden Team Set to Review Kenya, Trump Trade Talks**



Joan Pereruan/Daily Nation. President Uhuru Kenyatta and former U.S. president Donald Trump at the White House in Washington, DC during an official visit on August 27, 2018 (file photo).

The Biden administration will review bilateral trade negotiations and targets that ex-President Donald Trump regime made with Kenya last year over a potential free trading deal.

The new US administration wants to make sure that the negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement and talks objectives are

*Akhbar al-Yaoum* (« les informations du jour »), dont le directeur de publication et le rédacteur en chef se trouvent en prison, a annoncé que le journal allait cesser de paraître, évoquant un « *calvaire* » financier. Le journal a subi un « *harcèlement continu à travers un boycott publicitaire* » et a été « *privé* » des aides à la presse débloquées par le gouvernement pendant la crise sanitaire, a affirmé la direction dans un communiqué diffusé dimanche 14 mars sur Facebook. La rédaction de ce journal arabophone fondé en 2009 contesta une décision « *unilatérale* », dénonce une « *mauvaise gestion* » et espère encore « *sauver le journal* », selon des témoignages recueillis par l'AFP sur place. La direction n'a pas précisé quand le journal allait fermer, mais selon des journalistes de la rédaction, le dernier numéro est paru lundi. L'annonce de la fermeture du journal fait suite aux démêlés judiciaires de trois de ses journalistes, considérés comme des « *affaires politiques* » par leurs soutiens. Le directeur de publication, Taoufiq Bouachrine, a été

human rights violations and abuses by several parties that multiple organisations have reported in Tigray," said Antony J. Blinken, US Secretary of State. This comes days after Amnesty International reported that hundreds of people were massacred by Eritrean troops in the historic city of Axum. The withdrawal of Eritrean and Amhara forces from Tigray is a significant step forward towards normalising the worrying situation in the region, the statement said. "This should be accompanied by unilateral declarations of cessation of hostilities by all parties to the conflict and a commitment to permit unhindered delivery of assistance to those in Tigray," Blinken said. He also urged all parties to refrain from using force and exercise maximum restraint in a bid to allow humanitarian access to millions of people who are in desperate need. Since the Tigray conflict broke out in early November, Asmara and Addis Ababa have repeatedly denied involvement of Eritrean forces in the ongoing war.

AFRICA, *Le Monde diplomatique* (FRANÇOIS MISSER), March 2021: DU

in the head and died on the spot. Three people were wounded. "How inhumane to kill unarmed civilians," said the witness, a 20-year-old man. "We must have our right to protest peacefully." Police and military have killed more than 50 people to quell the daily demonstrations and strikes against the Feb. 1 coup, according to the United Nations.

SAUDI ARABIA-YEMEN, *Iran Daily*, 8 March 2021: Saudi Arabia confirms Yemeni drone, missile attacks on oil facilities



REUTERS. Saudi Arabia confirmed that a Yemeni drone attack targeted a petroleum tank farm at Ras Tanura port and a ballistic missile targeted Saudi Aramco's facilities in the city of Dhahran. In a statement on Sunday, a spokesman for the Saudi Energy Ministry acknowledged that a drone coming from the sea hit one of the petroleum tank farms at the Ras Tanura Port – one of the largest oil shipping ports in the world, in the morning, Press TV reported. The spokesman also said a "ballistic missile's shrapnel" fell near Saudi Aramco's

consistent with Biden's \$4 trillion revamp of the American economy that focuses on a muscular industrial policy with an eye on fighting climate change. This means that the start of the trade talks could be delayed and the objectives of the bilateral pact recast to recognise Biden's agenda with some of the aims of the negotiations set by the Trump administration likely to be dropped. Newly appointed US trade Chief, Katherine Tai, said on Friday that the negotiations over a bilateral trade pact with Kenya must reflect the priorities of the new administration -- which is pushing for procurement of America-made goods both in the US and outside. "Ambassador Tai highlighted her ongoing review of the negotiations to ensure that any agreement aligns with the Biden-Harris administration's Build Back Better agenda," said a statement from the US government after a virtual meeting between Ms Tai and Kenya's trade Cabinet Secretary Betty Maina. "They also discussed the bilateral trade negotiations conducted under the previous administration." A trade agreement with Kenya, which would be the first US free trade deal in sub-Saharan Africa, comes amid a growing concern about China's investments

condamné à douze ans de prison en 2018, une peine alourdie à quinze ans en appel, pour des « violences sexuelles » qu'il a toujours niées.

## Une décision « unilatérale

». La journaliste Hajar Raissouni a été condamnée à un an de prison ferme en 2019 pour « avortement illégal » et « sexe hors mariage », avant d'être graciée par le roi. Son oncle, Souleimane Raissouni, rédacteur en chef du quotidien, se trouve en détention préventive depuis près de neuf mois pour une affaire d'agression sexuelle qu'il nie aussi. Son procès a été reporté deux fois et renvoyé au 30 mars.

UK, *Le Monde* (Cécile Ducourtieux), 16 March 2021: Au Royaume-Uni, le meurtre de Sarah Everard provoque un débat inédit sur les violences faites aux femmes. Un policier attaché à la sécurité du palais de Westminster est soupçonné d'avoir kidnappé et tué la femme de 33 ans. Lors d'un hommage organisé samedi, l'une des manifestantes a été menottée, visage à

CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE AU BOTSWANA, UNE DIFFICILE RIPOSTE POUR LES ÉCOLOGISTES. [Le pétrole, nouvelle attraction des parcs naturels africains.](#)

Contraintes de mener des explorations de plus en plus onéreuses dans l'offshore ultraprofond, les compagnies pétrolières se lancent aussi à l'assaut de la dernière frontière terrestre où les coûts d'exploitation sont moindres : les parcs naturels et les réserves d'eau douce d'Afrique. Cette ruée rencontre une résistance de la société civile et d'associations du Nord. Mais la lutte est très inégale.

AFRICA, International Affairs ([Xuwan Ouyang](#)), Volume 97, Issue 2, March 2021, Pages 577–578. **The end of China's non-intervention policy in Africa; Peacebuilding in the Asia Pacific.** Review of **The end of China's non-intervention policy in Africa.** By Obert Hodzi. London: Palgrave Macmillan. 2019 **Peacebuilding in the Asia Pacific.** Edited by Carmela Lutmar and James

residential area in the city of Dhahran after it was intercepted. None of the attacks resulted in any injury or loss of life or property, the spokesman added. Saudi Defense Ministry spokesman Brigadier General Turki al-Malki said in a statement later on Sunday that both attacks were intercepted before reaching their targets. "The attacking bomb-laden UAV that came via the sea was intercepted and destroyed prior to reaching its target. The ballistic missile that was launched to target Aramco facilities in Dhahran was intercepted and destroyed as well," al-Malki said. The oil market reacted to the news as details of the retaliatory attack trickled in. Brent crude futures surged above \$70 a barrel on Monday for the first time in more than a year. While Brent jumped 2.65% to trade at \$71.20, US crude futures also rose 2.56% to \$67.78. Spokesman for the Yemeni Armed Forces Brigadier General Yahya Saree said the Yemeni Army launched eight ballistic missiles and 14 bomb-laden drones in a "wide operation in the heart of Saudi Arabia".

MYANMAR, *Folha de S. Paulo* (**Richard C. Paddock**), 10 March 2021: Além de matar, militares estupram mulheres e usam

across Africa. The Biden administration is seeking to cut China's share of the global trade. Kenya and the US formally launched negotiations in July last year for a bilateral trade pact that the two economies hope could serve as a model for additional agreements across Africa. Kenya wants to do a deal with Washington before the expiry of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa), which allows sub-Saharan states to export thousands of products to the US without tariffs or quotas until 2025. Two-way goods trade between the US and Kenya totalled Sh118 billion in 2019, up 4.9 percent from 2018. The bilateral talks paused in the wake of American presidential elections last November. Mr Joe Biden was sworn in as US President on January 20, ending the tumultuous four-year presidency of his predecessor Trump. A change of guard at the White House raised uncertainty over the FTA deal, with Mr Biden embarking on the reversal of many policies that had been rolled out by the Trump administration. Ms Tai on Friday expressed US commitment to the Kenya deal. Biden's "Build Back Better" blueprint aims to revive the US economy from the ravages of Covid-19 through a sweeping use of government power to

terre, sous les flashes des photographes.



Manifestation contre les violences faites aux femmes après le meurtre de Sarah Everard, sur le pont de Westminster à Londres, le 15 mars. HENRY NICHOLLS / REUTERS. Un terrible fait divers provoque un débat inédit au Royaume-Uni sur les violences faites aux femmes, déstabilise la police et met le gouvernement de Boris Johnson au défi d'agir. Le 3 mars, Sarah Everard, une femme de 33 ans, disparaît dans le quartier de Clapham (sud-ouest de Londres) en rentrant à pied, de nuit, d'une visite chez un ami. Son corps est identifié, le 10 mars, dans un sous-bois du Kent (sud-est de l'Angleterre), alors qu'un policier attaché à la sécurité du palais de Westminster est inculpé : il est soupçonné d'avoir kidnappé et tué la jeune femme. Ce drame suscite d'abord un déluge de témoignages sur les réseaux sociaux, des femmes de tous horizons et de tous âges expliquant leur ras-le-bol de vivre dans un

Ockey. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

MOZAMBICO, *Agência de Informacao de Mocambique (Maputo)*, 9 MARCH 2021:

**Mozambique: PGR Has Not Withdrawn Bribery Charges Against Prinvest.**

The Mozambican Attorney-General's Office (PGR) has not withdrawn accusations of bribery against the Abu Dhabi based group, Prinvest, which is at the heart of the scandal of Mozambique's "hidden debts".

This term refers to the loans of over two billion US dollars made in 2013 and 2014 by the banks Credit Suisse and VTB of Russia to three fraudulent Mozambican companies, Proindicus, Ematum (Mozambican Tuna Company) and MAM (Mozambique Assets Management). The loans were only possible because the banks carried out no due diligence on the three companies, which had no business record and were effectively run by the Mozambican security service, SISE, and because the Mozambican government of the day, under the then President, Armando Guebuza, issued illegal

minorias como escudos humanos em Myanmar. Vítimas da brutalidade do Exército contam suas histórias à medida que repressão aumenta após golpe de Estado.

CHINA, *Le Monde diplomatique (JORDAN POUILLE)*, March 2021: Alibaba, épopée chinoise. Grâce à la collecte des données personnelles de ses clients et à son idylle avec le régime chinois, Alibaba est devenu un puissant acteur mondial du commerce électronique, de la finance en ligne et de la santé. Aujourd'hui, Pékin prend conscience de sa dépendance envers ce conglomérat qui fait trembler les banques. Il espère que la population se détournera progressivement de son fondateur, M. Jack Ma.

MYANMAR, *Le Monde diplomatique (CHRISTINE CHAUMEAU)*, March 2021: APRÈS LE COUP D'ÉTAT, UNE MOBILISATION DÉTERMINÉE MAIS FRAGILE. **La jeunesse birmane défie la junte.** Craignant de perdre leurs privilèges, les militaires birmans ont accaparé le pouvoir et arrêté des dirigeants élus. Mme Aung San Suu Kyi est poursuivie pour

reshape the world's largest economy and counter China's rise. His policy mix includes increasing corporate taxes to fund innovation and buy American products to expand jobs; tax incentives and penalties to encourage US firms to keep and create jobs in the US as well as \$2 trillion investment in clean energy. He bets on creating millions of jobs building infrastructure, such as roads and tackle climate change -- a topic that Trump gave little prominence. The Biden's plans signal that the US will be keen to protect American firms in the quest to shore up manufacturing and seek a larger share of the global trade currently in the hands of China while pushing for bilateral trade deals.

ECUADOR, *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, 13 April, 2021: *La vittoria del presidente Lasso decreta la fine del socialismo andino.*



**Guillermo Lasso**, ex banchiere e leader di Creo (*Creando Oportunidades*) sarà il nuovo presidente dell'Ecuador, subentrando a Lenin Moreno. [Una vittoria](#)

pays où il n'est toujours pas sûr de sortir seule la nuit. Samedi 13 mars, les Londoniens rendent hommage à Sarah Everard, à Clapham Common, un parc du quartier où elle a été vue pour la dernière fois. Même la duchesse de Cambridge fait discrètement le déplacement, un bouquet de fleurs à la main.

ITALY-EGYPT, *Il Fatto Quotidiano* (*Gianni Rosini*), 22 MARZO 2021: **Navi militari all'Egitto, ma quale affare? Maxisconto di Fincantieri ad al-Sisi che le ha pagate almeno 210 milioni meno dello Stato italiano.**



Dovevano finire alla Marina italiana, invece due delle 10 ordinate sono state "dirottate" al Cairo. Dai calcoli svolti da Osservatorio MilEx e [Ilfattoquotidiano.it](#) sul Documento programmatico pluriennale (Dpp) del ministero della Difesa, emerge che, all'anno 2020, la spesa prevista per la costruzione di tutte

loan guarantees, in violation of the 2013 and 2014 budget laws, and of the Mozambican constitution. The loan guarantees were signed by the then Finance Minister Manuel Chang, who is currently languishing in South African custody, awaiting a decision as to whether he will be extradited to Mozambique or to the United States. Both countries wish to put him on trial for crimes concerning the fraudulent scheme. Massive corruption was involved in the loans, as was admitted by the three Credit Suisse managers who negotiated them, Andrew Pearse, Detelvina Subeva, and Surjan Singh. These three people were among those charged by American prosecutors, who took a close interest in the case because the US financial system had been abused, and US investors were swindled. According to the prosecutors, at least 200 million dollars of the loan money was diverted into bribes and kickbacks. Prinvest was closely involved in the bribery as became clear in the 2019 trial in New York of Prinvest official Jean Boustani. Prinvest was very much an interested party since it became the sole supplier to

«détention illégale de talkie-walkie» et pour «non-respect de la loi sur les désastres naturels». Trois semaines après le coup d'État et malgré la répression qui se durcissait, la population continuait à manifester dans tout le pays.

INDIA. *Foreign Affairs* ([Surupa Gupta and Sumit Ganguly](#)), 3 March 2021: **India's Farmers Will Benefit From Reforms.** Right Now They Are Up in Arms, but Change Is Necessary.

JAPAN, *The Japan Times*, 15 March 2021: **Virus and scandals weighing on Suga government six months after launch**



Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga has apparently lost steam after starting out strong six months ago with a flurry of implementations of key policies. | POOL / VIA REUTERS. Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga finds himself struggling to maintain public support for his administration amid



(52.49% contro 47.51%) ottenuta sul candidato correista **Andrés Arauz**, che aveva vinto nettamente il primo turno di febbraio, alimentando fallaci speranze per il ripristino dell'*oficialismo* – il socialismo andino incentrato sul welfare e lo sviluppo economico svincolato dal sistema bancario e dal Fmi – che **Rafael Correa** aveva sostenuto per due mandati fino alle dimissioni del 2016 e all'avvento del suo successore Moreno nell'anno seguente.

NATO-RUSSIA, *Deutsche Welle*, 13 April 2021:

**Ukraine: NATO slams Russia's troop buildup on border.**

NATO has vowed to back Ukraine amid tensions in the in eastern Donbass region. The Kremlin accused the US and NATO of turning Ukraine into a "powder keg."



Stoltenberg (right) expressed NATO's "unwavering" support for Ukraine while meeting with Kuleba (left). NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg called on [Russia to withdraw](#)

le dieci nuove fregate ammonta a 5 miliardi 992 milioni e 330mila euro: circa 1,2 miliardi per una coppia di navi. Ma i documenti ufficiali relativi all'affare in possesso del Fatto dicono che la "Spartaco Schergat" e la "Emilo Bianchi" sono state vendute ad al-Sisi a 990 milioni. Una perdita alla quale devono essere poi aggiunti i costi di gestione, gli interessi sui mutui e la spesa per lo smantellamento delle tecnologie Nato che possono far crescere il passivo fino alla cifra di 556 milioni di euro. Fonti Farnesina: "Nessuna competenza sulle cifre". Fincantieri e Leonardo non commentano l'operazione.

EUROPE AND THE WORLD, *Etudes (FRANÇOIS EUVÉ)*, NUMÉRO DE **MARS 2021**



**Le vaccin contre le coronavirus devrait**

Proindicus, Ematum and MAM. An independent audit into the two companies in 2017 showed that Privinvest had vastly inflated the prices it charged for the fishing boats and other assets it supplied. This over-invoicing was estimated at around 700 million dollars. The PGR began proceedings in London in 2019 against five companies in the Privinvest group - namely Privinvest Shipbuilding S.A.L. Abu Dhabi (Branch), Abu Dhabi Mar LLC, Privinvest Shipbuilding Investments LLC, Logistics International SAL (Offshore), and Logistics International Investments. It is also suing Credit Suisse and the three Credit Suisse officials who have admitted taking Privinvest bribes, Pearse, Subeva and Singh. The key demand from the PGR is that the London court should declare null and void the government guarantee on the 622 million dollar loan arranged by Credit Suisse for Proindicus, on the grounds that this debt, along with the rest of the loans were part of a gigantic fraud.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA, *Radio France Internationale*, (Laura Angela Bagnetto), 10 MARCH 2021: **Equatorial**

coronavirus response blunders as he marks half a year since his coming to power on Tuesday. Wining-and-dining scandals at the communications ministry, including one involving Suga's eldest son, are also weighing on the prime minister, who has apparently lost steam after starting out strong with a flurry of implementations of key policies such as the lowering of mobile phone fees. **Sensitive to ratings.**

"Protecting people's lives and livelihoods has been our top priority," Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato, Japan's top government spokesman, said at a news conference Friday, reflecting on the six months since the launch of the Suga administration. Immediately after taking office, the prime minister began working on lowering mobile phone fees, eventually leading Japan's three major carriers to announce low-cost plans. He also introduced a set of bills on digital transformation, centered around the establishment of a digital agency that will lead the digitalization of Japan's administrative services, to the ongoing session

troops from Ukraine's borders on Tuesday. Stoltenberg's comments came ahead of an emergency meeting of allied foreign and defense ministers over the conflict in the eastern Ukraine region. "In recent weeks, Russia has moved thousands of combat-ready troops to Ukraine's borders, the largest massing of Russian troops since the illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014," Stoltenberg said at a news conference with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba. Stoltenberg said Russian troops' movement at Ukraine's borders was "unexplained, unjustified and deeply concerning." "Russia must end this military buildup in and around Ukraine, stop its provocations and deescalate immediately," Stoltenberg said.

**SOUTH AMERICA-EUROPE, *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, 14 April 2021: Europa secondo più grande importatore al mondo di prodotti derivati da deforestazione tropicale. E l'Italia è ai primi posti in Ue. È quanto emerge da un nuovo report del Wwf. Nella fattispecie, tra il 2005 e il 2017 i prodotti arrivati nel Vecchio Continente e che hanno avuto il maggiore peso**

**être considéré comme un bien commun de l'humanité. C'est la ligne d'action proposée par Emmanuel Macron, le 1<sup>er</sup> mai 2020: le vaccin, une fois trouvé, devra être « un bien mondial de l'humanité, et pas la propriété de l'un ou l'autre », reprenant une déclaration d'Ursula von der Leyen qualifiant le futur vaccin de « notre bien commun et universel ».**

EUROPE-WORLD, *Etudes*, March 2021: Débat entre Gaël Giraud et Thomas Piketty.



**Dans le contexte actuel de menace de désastre écologique et social, le capitalisme est-il réformable? Quelles sont vos propositions respectives? Deux thèmes principaux ont été abordés: le traitement des inégalités et la critique de la sacralisation de la propriété privée.**

EGYPT, *NYT*, 24 March 2021: **The Suez Canal Is Blocked. It Could Affect Global Shipping Soon.** The nearly quarter-mile-

**Guinea: Death Toll in Equatorial Guinea Blast Tops 100, NGOs Urge Independent Probe.**



*Ben Sutherland/Flickr.* The Torre de la Libertad in Bata, Equatorial Guinea.

A number of countries have arrived on the scene in Bata, Equatorial Guinea, to help the government with rescue services three days after a blast at the barracks in the centre of town killed more than 100 and maimed 615. Human Rights Watch has urged the government to conduct an independent probe. "The most important thing we need right now is search and rescue," said Tutu Alicante, the head of **EG Justice**, a human rights group based in the US. "They were able to find people still alive in Lebanon up to a week after the disaster, and I hope more aid is coming," he said, referring to the accidental 2020 blast at a Lebanese port that killed at least 178 people. "The aid needs to be given directly to international and local NGOs - it must go to the people affected," Alicante added. France and Spain are sending

of the Diet. Furthermore, Suga's government has been considering expanding health insurance coverage to newly include fertility treatment starting in April next year, and has greatly expanded existing subsidy measures to support those receiving such treatment until the insurance coverage expansion is implemented. In the meantime, the country saw a rapid resurgence of novel coronavirus infections from late last year. The COVID-19 state of emergency that was declared for Tokyo and three neighboring prefectures in January, currently set to run through Sunday, has been extended twice already, with some experts arguing for yet another extension. Despite a source from the ruling Liberal Democratic Party explaining that Suga has been dealing with the coronavirus crisis day and night, the prime minister has been criticized for being slow in implementing measures. Among the moves made by Suga that have been slammed as too late was his decision to suspend the Go To Travel tourism promotion scheme, a flagship initiative

sono soia, olio di palma e carne bovina, seguiti da prodotti legnosi da piantagioni, cacao e caffè.

USA-AFGHANISTAN, *Al Jazeera*, 14 April 2021:

**What we know about the US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.**

*President Joe Biden is set to officially announce a September 11 deadline for withdrawal of US troops on Wednesday.*



US troops first invaded Afghanistan in 2001 in pursuit of Osama bin Laden following the September 11 attacks. [Massoud Hossaini/The Associated Press]. United States President Joe Biden is set to officially announce plans to [withdraw](#) US troops from Afghanistan by September 11, ending the longest war in US history. The date will mark twenty years since the September 11 attacks on the US, the event that precipitated the [US-led invasion](#) of Afghanistan and the following war, which toppled the Taliban's five-year rule.

USA, *Al Jazeera*, 14 April 2021: **Former cop who shot Wright faces manslaughter charge.**

*Wright's death has fueled*

long ship caused a traffic jam in one of the world's most vital shipping lanes, leaving more than 100 ships stuck at each end.



ISRAEL, *NYT*, 24 March 2021:



After 4th Vote in 2 Years, Israelis Wonder: When Will the Political Morass End?

ITALY-RUSSIA, *La Repubblica*, 2 April 2021: L'ambasciatore russo: "La vicenda Biot non pesi sulle nostre relazioni".



Water Biot (ansa). *La risposta della rappresentanza diplomatica dopo l'espulsione delle due spie di Mosca fermate per aver comprato dal capitano di fregata italiano - che chiederà di essere ascoltato dalla*

supplies to the central African country, including staff, health kits and tents, while Israel and the US are on the ground to help with search and rescue. State television TVGE said the death toll was at 105 after more bodies were found in the rubble.

SENEGAL, *African Arguments (OPINION By Various Co-Signatories)*, 12 MARCH 2021: Senegal: Impunity for Macky Sall's Regime Must End.



@SonkoOfficiel. Ousmane Sonko, president of Senegalese opposition party Pastef (file photo). *A collective of Senegalese artists and academics calls for President Macky Sall to be held accountable for his crimes.*

Since the arrest of leading opposition politician Ousmane Sonko on March 3, Senegal has been gripped by unprecedented popular protests. Rather than listen to the demands of the largely peaceful protest movement, the government has set out to crush it using all the means at its disposal: arbitrary arrests, the use of live ammunition, and the deployment of marauding militias. In

implemented by the prime minister. Suga was also forced to apologize for having a steak dinner with LDP Secretary-General Toshihiro Nikai and others while urging the public to avoid dining out with people in large numbers as a measure against the pandemic.

CHINA, *Le Monde (Florence de Changy)*, 16 March 2021: L'opposition prodémocratie à Hongkong assommée par la réforme électorale de Pékin. La Chine souhaite installer des patriotes à la tête de l'ancienne colonie britannique et s'emploie à empêcher aux opposants de se présenter après l'adoption par l'Assemblée nationale populaire (ANP) chinoise d'une décision visant à « améliorer » le système électoral hongkongais.



La chef de l'exécutif hongkongais, Carrie Lam, à Hongkong, le 13 août 2019. THOMAS PETER / REUTERS. « *Nous vivons actuellement l'assaut le plus virulent contre nos aspirations démocratiques que*

*tensions in Minneapolis as cop accused of murdering George Floyd stands trial.*

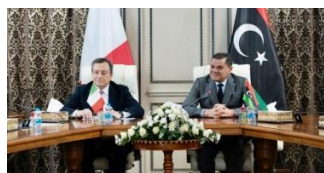


An activist holds a sign during a march for Daunte Wright, 20, who was shot and killed by former Brooklyn Center Police Officer Kim Potter, in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, on April 13, 2021 [Nick Pfosi/Reuters]. Kimberly Potter, the former Brooklyn Center police officer who [shot and killed Daunte Wright](#), a Black man, will face second-degree manslaughter charges, local media reported on Wednesday. The Minneapolis Star Tribune said the Washington County Attorney Peter Orput confirmed the charge, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years prison and a \$20,000 fine. Know their names: Black people killed by the police in the USUS protesters rally for third night over killing of Black man. Minnesota protests continue over police killing of Black man Al Jazeera's requests for confirmation to the Washington County Attorney's office were not immediately returned. Potter was arrested on Wednesday, according to the Reuters news agency.

*Procura - notizie riservate della Nato.*

ISRAEL, *Haaretz*, 5 April 2021: **Bankrupt Bibi Is Teetering on the Brink.** On trial for corruption and scrambling to put together a coalition, Israel's prime minister is facing unprecedented challenges to his record-breaking tenure. Host Simon Spungin is joined by senior *Haaretz* columnist and Netanyahu biographer, Anshel Pfeffer, to discuss the aftermath of Israel's unprecedented fourth election in two years. We ask: What are the prospects for a fifth election, how will the resumption of the prime minister's corruption trial muddy the waters and is there really there's a silver lining in 220,000 Israelis voting for a racist, misogynist and homophobic party? We also discuss the Iranian nuclear talks.

ITALY-LIBYA, *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, 10 April 2021: *Draghi, la Libia e i cantori della realpolitik.*



February, Sonko, president of the opposition PASTEF party (Patriots of Senegal for Work, Ethics, and Fraternity), was accused of rape and making death threats by an employee of a beauty parlour and has been subsequently stripped of his parliamentary immunity by an ad hoc commission dominated by pro-government MPs.

EGYPT-ETHIOPIA-SUDAN, *Le Monde*, 16 March 2021: Grand barrage sur le Nil: Khartoum demande la médiation de l'ONU et de Washington. L'Egypte, le Soudan et l'Ethiopie sont en négociation depuis des années au sujet de la gestion et du remplissage du réservoir de l'édifice construit sur le Nil Bleu.



Le grand barrage de la Renaissance sur le Nil Bleu, en Ethiopie, en juillet 2020. - / AFP. Le Soudan a demandé officiellement lundi 15 mars à l'ONU et aux Etats-Unis de jouer les médiateurs dans les négociations que mènent

*Hongkong ait jamais connu depuis la rétrocession. Depuis l'adoption de la loi de sécurité nationale l'an dernier, l'arrestation de presque 90 % des personnalités d'opposition, et ce nouveau projet de réforme électorale, notre marge de manœuvre est quasi inexistante* », résume Avery Ng, président de la Ligue sociale-démocrate (LSD), l'une des rares personnalités de l'opposition encore en liberté, grâce, ironiquement, à son récent séjour en prison.

HONG KONG-MYANMAR-THAILAND, *Le Monde* ([Brice Pedroletti](#)), 16 March 2021: L'« alliance du thé au lait », ou la solidarité des jeunes asiatiques contre l'autoritarisme. A l'origine, une dispute, en avril 2020, a réuni les internautes thaïlandais, hongkongais et taiwanais dans un combat contre des hordes de trolls chinois.



Rassemblement de l'« alliance du thé au lait », en soutien aux

She started working with the Brooklyn Center police in 1995, when she was 22, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported. The 26-year veteran allegedly shot and killed Wright, 20, on Sunday after confusing her pistol and her Taser. Former Brooklyn Center Police Chief Tim Gannon called the incident an “accident” after unveiling body-worn camera footage showing Wright’s shooting.

CANADA-TURKEY,

CANADA

Hurriyet Daily News, 15 April 2021: **No damage to Turkish drone maker from Canadian move: Bayraktar.**



Canada's cancellation of drone technology export permits to Turkey will not harm major Turkish aviation firm Baykar, its chief technology officer said on April 14. Criticizing the cancellation, Selçuk Byraktar said on Twitter that if Turkey decides not to sell Canada armed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) during an emergency, this may cause it serious problems as Turkey is one of only four

“Sul piano dell’immigrazione noi esprimiamo **soddisfazione** per quello che fa nei salvataggi la **Libia** che aiutiamo e assistiamo. Ma il problema non è solo geopolitico, è anche umanitario e in questo senso l’Italia è uno dei pochi paesi che tiene attivi i corridoi umanitari”. Così – nella conferenza stampa organizzata a Tripoli lo scorso 6 aprile con il premier libico **Abdulhamid Dabaiba** – il Presidente del Consiglio **Mario Draghi** valuta la collaborazione in ambito migratorio tra Italia e Libia.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE, *The Japan Times* (ANDREW E. KRAMER), 11 April 2021: Russian troop movements and talk of intervention cause jitters in Ukraine.



Armored personnel carriers bristling with weapons line a highway in southern Russia. Rows of tanks are parked beside major roads.

Khartoum et Le Caire avec l’Ethiopie concernant la gestion et le remplissage du réservoir du grand barrage de la Renaissance sur le Nil Bleu. « *Le premier ministre a adressé une lettre à l’ONU et une autre aux Etats-Unis pour leur demander d’intervenir et de jouer un rôle de médiateur pour régler les divergences concernant le barrage de la Renaissance* », a déclaré à l’AFP Faisal Saleh, porte-parole du chef du gouvernement soudanais, Abdallah Hamdok. Le ministère soudanais des affaires étrangères a, de son côté, indiqué dans un communiqué que M. Hamdok avait écrit à l’ONU, aux Etats-Unis, à l’Union européenne et à l’Union africaine. Le Soudan avait proposé le mois dernier une médiation quadripartite incluant ces acteurs. Le Soudan, l’Egypte et l’Ethiopie négocient sans succès les modalités de gestion et de remplissage du réservoir du grand barrage de la Renaissance, lancé en Ethiopie en 2011 et destiné à devenir la plus grande installation hydroélectrique d’Afrique.

manifestants prodémocratie de Birmanie, à Bangkok, le 28 février 2021. JACK TAYLOR / AFP. Quand ils partagent sur les réseaux sociaux les dernières exactions de la soldatesque, nombre de jeunes Birmans mentionnent aujourd’hui le hashtag #MilkTeaAlliance, l’« alliance du thé au lait ». Tout comme les Thaïlandais et les Hongkongais quand ils expriment leur solidarité avec les manifestants du Myanmar, ou revendiquent la libération de leurs militants respectifs emprisonnés – et comme le fit, le 21 novembre 2020, le [jeune leader politique hongkongais Joshua Wong](#) en publiant une lettre ouverte de soutien aux manifestants thaïlandais au nom des « *militants hongkongais en détention* ». A Taïwan, des internautes ordinaires, mais aussi des politiques, et même la représentante officielle de Taïwan aux Etats-Unis ont invoqué l’« alliance » pour rappeler l’attachement inconditionnel de l’île à la démocratie, et son aspiration à servir de modèle, dans une région où elle est sérieusement malmenée. Sur les dessins brandis dans les manifestations ou diffusés en ligne sous la bannière MilkTeaAlliance, des

countries in the world that make battle-tested [drones](#). Foreign Minister Marc Garneau announced on Monday that Canada was canceling arms sales permits to Turkey. The decision came after last year it suspended sales over allegations that its technology was being used in Turkish support for Azerbaijan's effort to liberate the Upper Karabakh region from Armenian occupation.

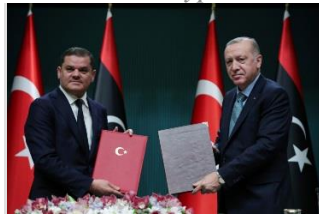
USA-RUSSIA, *The Guardian* ([Andrew Roth](#)), 20 April 2021: US ambassador to leave Moscow as tensions rise. **John Sullivan's departure will leave both countries' embassies without their top diplomats at key moment.**



John Sullivan (left) shakes hands with the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, in Moscow in January 2020. Photograph: Alexander Zemlianichenko/AP  
Washington's ambassador to Moscow has announced that he will return to the US for consultations, days after the Russian government [recommended he leave the](#)

Heavy artillery is transported by train. Videos of military movements have flooded Russian social media for the past month ...

TURKEY-LIBYA, *Al Jazeera*, 12 April 2021: **Turkey and Libya renew commitment to contested maritime deal.** *Turkish president and Libyan interim PM agree to maintain 2019 Mediterranean accord that has angered Greece and Cyprus.*



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right, said the deal 'secured the national interests and future of the two countries' after meeting with Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah in Ankara [Presidential Press Office via Reuters]. The head of Libya's new interim government and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan have affirmed their commitment to a controversial 2019 maritime agreement that has angered Greece and Cyprus. Speaking following a meeting on Monday in Ankara with Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, who was on his first official visit to Ankara,

KENYA, *Thomson Reuters Foundation* ([Nita Bhalla](#)), 17 MARCH 2021:

**Kenya Court Ruling Gives Boost to Fight Against FGM.** *Kenya court upholds a ban on female genital mutilation (FGM) giving boost to end FGM while one in five Kenyan women (15 to 49 years old) experience serious health problems.* Kenya's High Court ruling upholding a ban on female genital mutilation (FGM) will give a much needed boost to the fight to end the widely condemned practice in the East African nation, women's rights groups said on Wednesday. One in five Kenyan women and girls aged between 15 and 49 have undergone FGM, which usually involves the partial or total removal of the female genitalia and can cause a host of serious health problems, says the United Nations.

SOUTH AFRICA, *Daily Maverick* ([Ferial Haffajee](#)), 18 March 2021: **DEFEND OUR DEMOCRACY.**

National campaign set up to stop Zuma from 'assailing the Constitution' and to

tasses de thé symbolisent la manière populaire de consommer ce breuvage dans ces territoires (au lait à Hongkong, glacé et avec des boules de tapioca à Taïwan, sucré en Thaïlande ou à la mode taiwanaise), qui se distinguent du thé nature et austère que lampent à cours de journée les habitants de Chine populaire. « Ces thés au lait déclinent des spécificités locales, mais on retrouve dans ces mouvements des valeurs communes : la défense de la démocratie, de l'Etat de droit, de la liberté, une lutte contre l'usurpation du droit du peuple à choisir sa destinée », rappelle la sinologue Chloé Froissart, de l'Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (Inalco), lors d'un séminaire en ligne organisé le 10 mars par [Asialyst](#), le site français spécialisé sur l'Asie. **S'opposer à des reprises en main autoritaires.** Car si des solidarités se tissent entre les jeunesses politiquement engagées d'Asie, c'est pour s'opposer à des reprises en main autoritaires qui puisent dans la boîte à outils du géant chinois et se réclament, plus ou moins explicitement, du discours anti-valeurs universelles en vogue à Pékin. A l'origine, l'« alliance » est née

country during what it said was an “extremely tense situation”. John Sullivan’s departure will leave both countries’ embassies without their top diplomats at a crucial moment, with Washington and Moscow recently announcing new sanctions, a [Russian military buildup near Ukraine](#), and concerns about the opposition leader [Alexei Navalny’s health](#) while in detention. “I believe it is important for me to speak directly with my new colleagues in the Biden administration in Washington about the current state of bilateral relations between the United States and [Russia](#),” Sullivan said in a statement on Tuesday.

NEW ZEALAND, *The Guardian* ([Liam Hehir](#)), 20 April 2021: New Zealand National MPs should stop their intrigues – changing the leadership won’t help right now. Judith Collins may trail badly in the polls, but MPs should only think about replacing her if a natural alternative leader emerges.

Erdogan pledged to support Libya’s unity, its reconstruction and its military. Turkey would also be sending 150,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses, as well as managing a pandemic hospital in Tripoli to help the North African country battle its outbreak, Erdogan said. Libya’s interim government, which [took power last month](#), is meant to bring together a country that has been torn apart by civil war for nearly a decade. It also aims to steer the country until a general election on December 24, 2021.

GREECE-LIBYA, *Al Jazeera*, 14 April 2021: **Greece, Libya to hold talks over maritime border demarcation.**

*Greece and Libya to discuss delineating maritime boundaries, Athens says after a visit by Libya’s al-Menfi.*



Mitsotakis said Athens aimed to reset relations with Libya, which were soured by the Tripoli government’s signing a maritime boundary accord in 2019 with Turkey [Costas Baltas/Reuters].

fight ‘unrestrained, large-scale looting’.



ANC veterans, the country’s two leading Covid-19 scientists, the SACP, the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation, business leaders, churches and leading organisations of civil society have come together to form a Defend Our Democracy front to resist attacks on the Constitution and the judiciary, notably by former president Jacob Zuma. Various organisations and individuals have signed a declaration of support for the newly launched Defend Our Democracy programme of action, which is similar to the Save SA campaign organised at the height of State Capture. At two launches this week, ANC veterans such as Murphy Morobe, Mavuso Msimang and Cheryl Carolus pledged support, while Morobe called for a new political system. The campaign is non-partisan. Mmusi Maimane with the One South Africa Movement is part of it, as is Mojanku Gumbi, the former adviser to former president Thabo Mbeki and a veteran of the

d’une rixe en ligne, en avril 2020, qui opposa des internautes thaïlandais, hongkongais et taiwanais à des hordes de trolls chinois soutenus par l’ambassade de Chine à Bangkok et le *Global Times*, le quotidien chinois va-t-en guerre. Un acteur thaïlandais avait d’abord été pris à partie par des ultranationalistes chinois pour avoir écrit « *pays* » sous des photos de Taïwan et Hongkong et dut s’excuser pour ce crime de lèse-majesté géopolitique. Puis sa petite amie, mannequin, se vit accusée d’avoir retweeté l’hypothèse d’une origine laborantine du coronavirus en Chine. Appuyés par les Hongkongais et les Taïwanais, les Thaïlandais ripostèrent par des bordées de caricatures et de moqueries.

IRAQ, *Esprit* ([Saad Salloum](#)), March 2021: **L’avenir de la diversité en Irak.** Les droits des minorités religieuses et linguistiques sont massivement bafoués en Irak, dans un contexte de ruine des institutions, d’inégalités économiques et politiques, et de préjugés. Face à une situation de plus en plus tendue et préoccupante, comment rétablir la



National party leader, Judith Collins, trails New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, in opinion polls. Photograph: Phil Walter/Getty Images. Followers of baseball in the US have a saying: winning fixes everything. A team can suffer player scandals and be beset by dysfunctional management. If they're hitting enough home runs, however, things don't tend to fall apart. The corollary of this would be that losing breaks everything. And while it's a bit trite to compare sports to politics, New Zealand's opposition National party resembles nothing if not a losing baseball team. Thumped in last year's general election, conceding a rare absolute parliamentary majority to Jacinda Ardern's Labour, nothing seems to have gone right for the party that was once called the natural party of government in [New Zealand](#).

USA-TURKEY, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: Erdogan voit dans la reconnaissance du génocide arménien par les Etats-Unis « des pressions des milieux

Greece and Libya have agreed on the “immediate resumption” of talks to mark out their maritime zones in the Mediterranean Sea, according to Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis. His comments on Wednesday came after meeting in Athens with the president of the Libyan Presidential Council, Mohamed al-Menfi. [Can Turkey and Greece resolve their maritime dispute?](#)[Greece accuses Turkey of trying to provoke it with migrant boats](#)[Turkey and Libya renew commitment to contested maritime deal](#)[Greece FM Dendias to visit Turkey amid Mediterranean crisis](#). “I want you to know that in Greece, Libya will always have a stable friend and ally within the European Union, so that ... [it] can find its way back to stability and prosperity,” Mitsotakis told al-Menfi. For his part, al-Menfi stressed the historical ties and friendship between the two countries and described Greece as the main “gateway” of Libya to the European Union.

ITALY-EGYPT, *La Repubblica*, 14 April 2021: Patrick Zaki, in Senato la mozione

Black Consciousness Movement. Professors Salim Abdool-Karim and Glenda Gray were present – one on each day – to support the initiative. SACP secretary-general Solly Mapaila, one of the first people to coin the term ‘State Capture’, bemoaned what he called a “descent into chaos”. The South African Council of Churches (Sacc) has spoken out against attempts to destabilise South Africa and sees the Defend Our Democracy campaign as a continuation of that work.

NIGER, *NYT (REUTERS)*, 22 March 2021: [137 People Killed in Niger in Series of Attacks on Villages Along Mali Border](#). Gunmen on motorcycles struck in coordinated raids on villages on Sunday in southwestern Niger, a country being ravaged by Islamist violence.



CONGO, *NYT (RUTH MACLEAN and MADY CAMARA)*, 22 March 2021: [Presidential Challenger Dies of Covid-19 Just Hours After Voting](#)

**confiance indispensable à la paix sociale?** Les conséquences énormes des conflits qui ont submergé l'Irak depuis la fin de l'invasion conduite par les États-Unis en 2003 ont exposé les membres des minorités religieuses et linguistiques à des violations massives de leurs droits. Dans les cas les plus graves, ces violences ont pris la forme d'atrocités collectives, de crimes contre l'humanité, de crimes de guerre, de nettoyages ethniques et même de génocides, particulièrement dans les régions où les minorités sont concentrées, telles que le Sinjar (yézidis), Tall Afar (Turkmènes) et l'ensemble de la plaine de Ninive (chrétiens, Shabaks et autres minorités).

AFGHANISTAN, *NYT (THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF and ZABIHULLAH GHAZI)*, [Foes in Afghan War See a Common Threat of Islamic State's Return](#). An unusual truce between the government and the Taliban has kept the Islamic State out of one former stronghold. But there is a peace paradox: Unemployed fighters looking for work.





antiturcs ». Samedi, le président américain était devenu le premier président des Etats-Unis à qualifier de « génocide » la mort d'un million et demi d'Arméniens massacrés par l'Empire ottoman en 1915.



Recep Tayyip Erdogan lors d'une conférence de presse avec le premier ministre hongrois Viktor Orban, à Budapest, le 7 novembre 2019. **BERNADETT SZABO / REUTERS.** « *Le président américain a eu des propos sans fondement, injustes et contraires à la réalité* » : la réaction du président turec Recep Tayyip Erdogan, lundi 26 avril, à la reconnaissance du génocide arménien par son homologue américain Joe Biden est vive. « *Nous pensons que ces propos ont été inclus dans la déclaration à la suite des pressions de groupes radicaux arméniens et des milieux antiturcs. Mais cela ne change rien à l'impact destructeur de ces propos pour les relations entre les deux pays* », a ajouté M. Erdogan. **Un million et**

per dare la cittadinanza italiana allo studente imprigionato.

ITALY, *La Repubblica* (**Sandro De Riccardis, Luca De Vito**), 14 April 2021: Moby, indagini sui soldi ai partiti: da Grillo e Casaleggio a FdI e Pd.



*Il faro dei pm di Milano anche sulle donazioni da parte della compagnia di navigazione alle fondazioni di Renzi e di Toti*  
MILANO - Erogazioni che hanno aggravato la situazione contabile del gruppo e forse influenzato le scelte legislative nel settore marittimo. Sulla travagliata vicenda finanziaria di Moby, la società di navigazione della famiglia Onorato, si è acceso il faro della procura di Milano. [...]. Al centro delle verifiche del dipartimento specializzato in reati contro la pubblica amministrazione, guidato dall'aggiunto Maurizi o Romanelli, ci sono i finanziamenti erogati

Ends. Guy-Brice Parfait Kolélas, the main opposition candidate in the Republic of Congo, gave his final speech from his hospital bed, urging his fellow citizens to vote to expel an entrenched government.

CHAD, *The Conversation Africa* (ANALYSIS By *Helga Dickow*), 24 MARCH 2021: **Chad: How a Popular Movement Could Threaten Idriss Déby Itno's 30 Years in Power.**



*Donat Sorokin/TASS Host Photo Agency.* Chad's President Idriss Déby Itno in 2019. Chadian President **Idriss Déby Itno**, who has ruled since 1990, is gearing up to take on his sixth mandate as head of state. Elections are scheduled for 11 April 2021. And the country's **2018 constitution** allows him to stay in office, if elected, until 2033. Déby is an **experienced military man** who first joined the army in the 1970s during the former French colony's civil war. He eventually became commander in chief of the armed

MYANMAR, *NYT* (HANNAH BEECH and *THE NEW YORK TIMES*), 24 March 2021:



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**'I Will Die Protecting My Country': In Myanmar, a New Resistance Rises**

As the nation's military kills, assaults and terrorizes unarmed civilians each day, some protesters say there is no choice but to fight the army on its own terms.

BANGLADESH, *NYT* (*THE ASSOCIATED PRESS* and *REUTERS*), 23 March 2021: **Deadly Fire Tears Through Rohingya Camp.** The Bangladesh authorities say that at least 15 people have died after a devastating fire ripped through the Rohingya refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, leaving hundreds injured and tens of thousands homeless once again.



### demi de morts.

Samedi, le président américain était [devenu le premier président des Etats-Unis](#) à qualifier de « *génocide* » la mort d'un million et demi d'Arméniens massacrés par l'Empire ottoman en 1915. Ces derniers avaient été tués de manière systématique pendant la première guerre mondiale par les troupes de l'Empire ottoman, alors allié à l'Allemagne et à l'Autriche-Hongrie. La Turquie, issue du démantèlement de l'empire en 1920, reconnaît des massacres mais récuse le terme de génocide, évoquant une guerre civile en Anatolie, doublée d'une famine, dans laquelle 300 000 à 500 000 Arméniens et autant de Turcs ont trouvé la mort. Malgré cette contestation turque, le génocide arménien est reconnu par plus de vingt pays et par de nombreux historiens. **« Regardez-vous dans un miroir ».** *« Si vous parlez de génocide, vous devez vous regarder dans un miroir. Je n'ai même pas besoin de mentionner les Amérindiens. On le sait déjà. Quand tout cela est connu, vous ne pouvez pas accuser la nation turque de génocide »*, a encore lancé M. Erdogan à l'adresse de son homologue

da Moby a Beppe Grillo srl, Casaleggio Associati, fondazione Change di Giovanni Toti, fondazione Open di Matteo Renzi, Fratelli d'Italia e anche Pd. In attesa dell'udienza di domani che dovrà decidere il destino di Cin - che nel 2015 ha acquisito Tirrenia - è questo il nuovo fronte di indagine che si apre in procura a Milano.

**SOUTH AMERICA-EUROPE, *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, 14 April 2021: Europa secondo più grande importatore al mondo di prodotti derivati da deforestazione tropicale. E l'Italia è ai primi posti in Ue. È quanto emerge da un nuovo report del Wwf. Nella fattispecie, tra il 2005 e il 2017 i prodotti arrivati nel Vecchio Continente e che hanno avuto il maggiore peso sono soia, olio di palma e carne bovina, seguiti da prodotti legnosi da piantagioni, cacao e caffè.**

**BULGARIA, *Al Jazeera*, 14 April 2021: Bulgaria's PM Borissov says he will not lead new government. Long-time leader announces he will not seek another term as prime minister in bid to avoid national**

forces under former president [Hissène Habré](#) who served from 1982 to 1990. In that year, an insurrection led by Déby hounded President Habré out of office. Déby promised to establish a functioning multiparty democracy and to put an end to the previous regime's lawlessness and violence. That promise was short lived. Déby's ambitions quickly shifted to staying in power by any means and enriching his extended family. Thirty years later, he is governing a population that has long suffered from extreme poverty despite the country's oil wealth. The country also has an inadequate healthcare system, poor educational opportunities, lack of career prospects among the youth, and high unemployment. The United Nations Human Development Index (2020) ranks the country [187 \(out of 189\)](#). [Political liberties](#) are almost non-existent; [human rights violations](#) are part of everyday life, and opposition leaders, human rights activists, journalists and trade unionists live under permanent threat. Over the years, [various protests](#) have been staged against Déby's rule. Opposition parties

IRAN, *Hurriyet Daily News (The Associated Press)*, 12 April 2021: **Iran calls Natanz atomic site blackout 'nuclear terrorism'.**

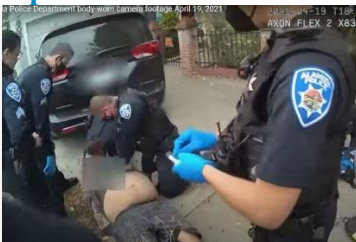


Iran on April 11 described a blackout at its underground Natanz atomic facility an act of “nuclear terrorism,” raising regional tensions as world powers and Tehran continue to negotiate over its tattered nuclear deal. While there was no immediate claim of responsibility, suspicion fell immediately on [Israel](#), where its media nearly uniformly reported a devastating cyberattack orchestrated by the country caused the blackout.

MYANMAR, *Al Jazeera*, 14 April 2021: **'Bloody paint strike' in Myanmar as doctors charged over protests. Activists throw red paint in the streets to remember those killed in protests as military charges 19 doctors for opposing its power grab.**

américain. « *Les accusations de génocide sont tellement sensibles qu'elles ne peuvent être utilisées à des fins politiques* », a-t-il ajouté. En dépit de ses critiques, M. Erdogan s'est toutefois dit « *convaincu* » que sa rencontre prévue en juin avec M. Biden en marge du sommet de l'OTAN à Bruxelles leur offrirait une opportunité pour apaiser les tensions entre les deux pays. Le ministère turec des affaires étrangères avait convoqué, samedi, l'ambassadeur américain pour protester contre la position américaine, a rapporté l'agence de presse d'Etat Anatolia. La Turquie n'a « *de leçons à recevoir de personne sur son histoire* », avait, auparavant, déclaré le chef de la diplomatie turque, Mevlut Cavusoglu.

USA, Pagina 12, 28 April 2021: **Un crimen similar al de George Floyd. Estadios Unidos: un hombre murió tras ser inmovilizado en el suelo por la policía de California**



La policía del departamento de Alameda, en el norte de

*'divide' following inconclusive election.*



Huge anti-government protests shook Borissov's administration last year amid widespread anger over rampant high-level corruption [File: Julien Warnand/Pool via Reuters]. Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov has said he will not be a candidate to lead the country's next government after his centre-right party fell well short of a majority in a parliamentary vote earlier this month. Borissov's GERB party, which has led Bulgaria for most of the past decade, remained the biggest political force in the country following the April 4 polls. But it lost a fifth of its seats as public anger grew over rampant corruption, which boosted new protest parties and delivered a more fragmented parliament. Bulgarian PM's party ahead in vote count, early results show Bulgarians vote for new parliament amid corruption, COVID woes Fears of low turnout as Bulgarians prepare to vote in

and trade unions have held [repeated demonstrations](#) to demand free and fair elections, and also to bring attention to the poor socio-economic status of ordinary Chadians. Northern Chad has also witnessed a [number of rebellions](#) against Déby's rule. And in 2006 and 2008, members of Déby's Zaghawa clan and former allies who defected to the opposition [tried to overthrow him](#) by military force. Most recently, [protests broke out in February 2021](#), when Déby announced that he would run for a sixth term. The president dispatched his security forces to disperse them immediately. **Run-up to the elections.** The resistance during this election cycle is even more passionate than in recent years. Chadians are turning to the example set by [Burkina Faso](#) and [Mali](#), where presidents Blaise Compaore and Ibrahim Boubacar Keita were ousted following protests in 2014 and 2020, respectively. Prominent opposition politician [Succès Masra](#), who leads The Transformers party, has been at the forefront of the protests against Déby. Masra gave up a post at the



An anti-coup protester uses red paint as he writes slogans at a bus stop on Wednesday April 14, 2021 in Yangon, Myanmar [AP]. Activists in Myanmar have splashed red paint and dye on roads and buildings to represent the blood of the hundreds of people who were killed while protesting against the military's February 1 power grab. The display on Wednesday, the second day of the traditional New Year holiday, came as a military-run newspaper reported that at least 19 doctors were charged with incitement for participating in the civil disobedience protests. S&P to eject Adani Ports from index for Myanmar military ties UN sees Syria echoes in Myanmar conflict Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi slapped with new criminal charge Myanmar has never been a nation. Could it become one now? Myanmar has been in chaos since the coup, with daily protests and various campaigns of defiance, including strikes by workers in many sectors. Activists have cancelled the usual festivities over the five-

California, publicó imágenes en las que se ve cómo varios **agentes reducen de forma violenta a un joven latino** durante más de cinco minutos **hasta causarle la muerte**. Este nuevo caso, tipificado como racismo, recordó el asesinato del afroamericano [George Floyd](#) que dio a luz al movimiento "Black Lives Matter". **Mario Arenales González, de 26 años, dejó de respirar tras un forcejeo con la policía el pasado 19 de abril en un parque de Alameda. Un comunicado policial indicó que González había sufrido una emergencia médica** después de que los agentes intentaron colocarle las esposas. Sin embargo, **su familia denunció que fue asesinado por la policía** al utilizar una fuerza innecesariamente excesiva. **"Lo mataron de la misma forma en que mataron a George Floyd"**, sentenció Gerardo, el hermano de la víctima, refiriéndose al hombre afroamericano asesinado en Minnesota en mayo del año pasado por el oficial [Derek Chauvin](#), quien tras someterse a juicio fue declarado culpable de asesinato.

USA, *Clarín (Paula Lugones)*, 29 April 2021: [Logros y tropiezos](#).

pandemic Bulgaria expels two Russian diplomats for suspected espionage.

TURKEY-ITALY, *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, 14 April 2021: **Erdoğan risponde a Mario Draghi: "Totale maleducazione. Non è stato eletto e ha danneggiato le relazioni tra i nostri Paesi"**.



Dopo una settimana di silenzio, durante la quale a scagliarsi contro le parole del presidente del Consiglio, **Mario Draghi**, sono stati solo alcuni membri del governo turco, anche il presidente **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** commenta l'uscita del premier italiano che lo aveva definito **"un dittatore con il quale si deve cooperare"**: "La dichiarazione del presidente del Consiglio italiano è stata una **totale indecenza, una totale maleducazione**", ha detto il *Sultano* in un discorso a un gruppo di giovani nella biblioteca del suo palazzo

African Development Bank to join politics in 2018. But Chad's [revised constitution of 2018](#) barred him from running for president because he is 38. Presidential candidates must now be 40 or older, despite the [majority of the population](#) being younger than 45.

ANGOLA, *Voice of America (Lisa Schlein)*, 26 MARCH 2021: **Angola: Hunger Rises As Severe Drought Grips Angola.**



*Carolyn Parsons (Gindungo)/Wikimedia Commons.* A farm near Bongo, Huambo, Angola (file image).

The World Food Program is warning of severe food shortages and rising hunger in Angola as the country is gripped by its worst drought in nearly four decades. Angola's rainy season, which normally runs from November to April, is delivering a trickle of the rainfall needed to grow a good crop and raise healthy livestock. The abnormal dryness is adversely affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions of people in the country's

day New Year festival, announcing different shows of defiance on each day. On Wednesday, people in various towns and cities across the country joined what activists termed "a bloody paint strike". In the main city of Yangon, protesters spray-painted pavements and signs outside government offices in red and left a note in one suburb that said: "Dear UN, How are you? I hope you are well. As for Myanmar, we are dying." A participant in the protest told AFP news agency that the purpose of the activity was to "remember the martyrs who died in the struggle for democracy". At least 714 people have died since Senior General Min Aung Hlaing deposed Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi's government, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, a monitoring group. "We should not be happy during this festival time," the protester in Yangon said. "We have to feel sadness for the martyrs who are bleeding and we must continue to fight this battle in any way we can."



A general view shows empty streets on the



Los cien días de Biden, una presidencia que cambió el tono en Estados Unidos.

ARGENTINA, *Página 12*, 29 April 2021: **También intimó a las empresas a incrementar la producción. El Gobierno congeló los precios del oxígeno líquido, clave para los enfermos de covid-19 graves**



. Imagen: Télam. El Gobierno dispuso en **congelamiento de precios del oxígeno líquido medicinal** e intimó a quienes lo elaboran a incrementar su producción. La medida apunta a garantizar que el sistema de salud disponga de ese insumo clave en esta etapa de la pandemia de coronavirus para atender a los pacientes de covid-19 con cuadros graves y evitar cualquier tipo de abuso. El congelamiento es tanto para el **oxígeno a granel y también para el envasado en tubo**. Incluye a todos los integrantes de la cadena

presidencial di Ankara.

TURKEY-EGYPT, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 14 April 2021: **New era begins between Turkey, Egypt: FM Çavuşoğlu.**



A new era has started between **Turkey** and **Egypt** and mutual visits may come to the agenda, Foreign Minister **Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu** has said. Speaking to reporters on April 13, he announced that a meeting will be held between the two countries at the level of deputy foreign ministers, but the planning is ongoing, and the date is not clear yet. Ankara and Cairo have recently exchanged positive signals on establishing contacts and dialogue. Turkey on March 12 said it had held its first diplomatic contacts with Egypt since President Abdel Fattah al-**Sisi** ousted the country's former leader, Mohamed Morsi, in 2013. Çavuşoğlu spoke over the phone with his Egyptian counterpart last week and exchanged greetings

southwestern provinces.

RWANDA, *The New Times* (*James Karuhanga*) 30 MARCH 2021: **Rwanda: Activists React to French Report on Tutsi Genocide.**



*Rémi Jouan/Wikimedia Commons.* Emmanuel Macron (file photo).

The recently released report by a team commissioned by the French government to probe the latter's role in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, does not give enough explanation and leaves a bitter taste because it does not admit complicity. This is the observation of Yolande Mukagasana, a Genocide survivor and president of the Yolande Mukagasana Foundation whose objectives include fighting against denial and revisionism of the 1994 Genocide. In a statement published on Monday, March 29, Mukagasana noted that her foundation salutes the French government's effort but pressed that Genocide suspects living in the European country be brought to justice. France is known to be home to at least 47 indicted Genocide suspects. President

second day of Thingyan, the water festival which marks the country's new year, in Yangon on April 14, 2021 [Ye Aung Thu/AFP]



This handout photo from Kawkareik Open News taken and released on April 14, 2021 shows protesters taking part in a general strike demonstration against the military coup in Kawkareik, in eastern Myanmar's Karen state [Handout/ Kawkareik Open News via AFP] In the second-largest city of Mandalay, red paint was also spilled on the streets as protesters held signs saying, "hope our military dictatorship fails", "overthrow the era of fear" and "blood has not dried on the streets". In some cities, people also marched with placards calling for the release of Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been detained since the coup on various charges including violating an official secrets act. Her lawyers have denied the charges against her.

JAPAN, *The Japan Times*, 15 April 2021: **IAEA to oversee release of contaminated water**

de producción: transporte, distribución y acarreo. El Gobierno dispuso la medida a través de la Resolución Conjunta 6/2021 de los ministerios de Salud y de Desarrollo Productivo, publicada este jueves en el Boletín Oficial, que precisa que se considerará **precio máximo de venta del oxígeno líquido el vigente en este día**. Asimismo, la normativa **intima a las empresas que forman parte integrante de la cadena de producción, distribución y acarreo de oxígeno líquido, a incrementar su producción hasta el máximo de su capacidad instalada** y a arbitrar las medidas conducentes para asegurar su transporte, distribución y comercialización en todo el país durante el período que dure la emergencia sanitaria.

ARGENTINA, *Página 12 (Adriana Meyer)*, 29 April 2021: **El territorio de Bariloche ya reconocido por el Instituto Nacional de Asuntos Indígenas. La justicia ordenó al Estado entregar sus tierras a la comunidad Lofche Mapuche Buenuleo.** "Pedimos al INAI que no apele el fallo, y es fundamental que tampoco lo haga la Procuración del Tesoro. Sería un enorme logro para el Gobierno pasar de la obstrucción a la construcción de un estado plurinacional", dijo a

on the approaching Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The move was preceded by another statement from Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa **Madbouly**, thanking Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for Ankara's efforts during its term presidency of the Developing-8 (D-8) Organization.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE-UE, *Le Monde*, 15 April 2021: Ukraine : Joe Biden et Angela Merkel demandent à la Russie de réduire ses troupes à la frontière. L'objectif est de permettre « une désescalade » de la situation en Crimée. Emmanuel Macron reçoit, vendredi, le président ukrainien. Tous deux s'entreprendront par téléphone avec la chancelière allemande, a annoncé l'Elysée, jeudi.



Un soldat ukrainien en poste à Marinka, dans la région de Donetsk, près de la frontière avec la Russie, le 12 avril. STR / AFP. Le

François Mitterrand who was in power in France during the Genocide, and his government and relatives, bear great responsibility in the 1994 Genocide, Mukagasana noted.

NIGER, *Deutsche Welle*, 31 MARCH 2021: **Niger - Attack On Presidential Palace an 'Attempted Coup'**



M.Kanta/Deutsche Welle. Niger's presidential palace in the capital Niamey (file photo).

*A military unit attempted to seize the presidential palace in Niger's capital, according to the government, just days before the country's new president Mohamed Bazoum takes office.*

A military unit made a failed coup attempt in Niger's capital Niamey on Wednesday, a government spokesman said, coming just two days before the country's first ever democratic transition of power. President-elect Mohamed Bazoum is due to be sworn in on Friday -- taking over from President Mahamane Ousmane, who disputed the election results.

**from Fukushima nuclear plant.** The agency will play a central and "permanent" role in monitoring the discharge operation, its Director General Rafael Grossi said in an interview Wednesday.

JAPAN-USA-CHINA, *The Japan Times (RICHARD JAVAD HEYDARIAN)*, 15 APRIL 2021: **Japan-U.S. alliance should provide an alternative to China.**

A Japan-U.S. alliance should provide an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative, while strengthening the ability of smaller states to defend their territorial integrity.

MYANMAR, *The Japan Times*, 15 April 2021: **Keep the pressure on the junta in Myanmar.**

If the geopolitical logic for support has crumbled, the moral and humanitarian rationale for opposition remains strong. The junta in Myanmar must go.

MYANMAR, *The Japan Times (ACHIM STEINER)*, 15 April 2021: Myanmar's young demand their

Página 12 el abogado Fernando Kosovky, en apoyo al planteo de su colega Matias Shraer.



**El juez federal de San Carlos de Bariloche, Gustavo Javier Zapata (subrogante) le ordenó al Estado Nacional, por intermedio del Instituto Nacional de Asuntos Indígenas (INAI), que en un plazo de 90 días realice la mensura del territorio de ocupación tradicional de la Comunidad Mapuche Lofche Buenuleo y que "concluido ello, ejecute los actos tendientes a la instrumentación de la propiedad comunitaria en favor de la comunidad accionante".** Firmada recientemente, esta **sentencia subsana la demora estatal en dar seguridad jurídica a los derechos territoriales de los pueblos originarios.** A partir de ahora quedaría allanado el camino para una solución definitiva, en tanto el Estado no apele a través de sus instituciones querellantes. "Pedimos al INAI que no apele el fallo, y es fundamental que tampoco lo haga la Procuración del Tesoro; sería un enorme logro para el gobierno pasar de

président français, Emmanuel Macron, le président ukrainien, Volodymyr Zelensky, et la chancelière allemande, Angela Merkel, s'entretiendront vendredi en visioconférence des risques d'escalade provoqués par la concentration de troupes russes à la frontière avec l'Ukraine, a annoncé jeudi 15 avril l'Elysée. « M. Zelensky sera reçu à déjeuner par le président Macron et ils auront dans la foulée une visioconférence avec M<sup>me</sup> Merkel », a précisé la présidence française. M. Macron et M<sup>me</sup> Merkel ont un rôle de médiateur dans le conflit ukrainien dans le cadre du dialogue quadripartite avec la Russie et l'Ukraine (appelé « format Normandie »). Ils s'étaient réunis à Paris [en décembre 2019](#) avec le président russe, Vladimir Poutine, et M. Zelensky. Mercredi, le président américain, Joe Biden, et la chancelière allemande s'étaient mis d'accord, lors d'un entretien téléphonique, pour demander à la Russie de réduire ses troupes à la frontière ukrainienne, alors que la situation sur le terrain s'envenime.

Spokesman Abdourahamane Zakaria said the coup attempt was intended to "imperil democracy." The government claimed the security situation was under control after the militants attempted to seize Niamey's presidential palace, with several arrests having been made.

CAMEROON, *Deutsche Welle* (Jean Marie Ngong Song And Ineke Mules), 31 MARCH 2021: **Cameroon: Is Franck Biya the President's Son and Successor?**



Republic of Cameroon Presidency. Cameroon President Paul Biya and his wife Chantal.

*President Paul Biya's son is making a name for himself on Cameroon's political scene. Some observers think he is being groomed to take over the job of his 88-year-old father.* In recent years, the debate over who will succeed Cameroon's long-time president Paul Biya has become a point of political contention. The 88-year-old, who has held the top office since 1982, is due to end his latest term in 2025. Until recently, Biya's eldest son kept a

future. In 1950, Myanmar's per capita income was higher than that of Malaysia or Thailand. Military rule turned it from one of the most promising economies in Asia into one of its worst performers.

INDIA, *The Hindu* ([Shiv Sahay Singh](#)), 15 April 2021: West Bengal Assembly Elections | BJP will destroy Bengal's culture: Rahul Gandhi. **Promise of a 'sonar Bangla' is just a mirage and the party wants to divide the State, says Rahul Gandhi.** Describing the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) promise of a "sonar Bangla" (golden Bengal) as a "mirage" Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said the BJP is out to destroy the culture of West Bengal. "Wherever the BJP goes, Narendra Modi goes, the RSS goes, they start spreading hatred and start dividing the people," Mr. Gandhi said while addressing a rally in Darjeeling district of the State. Mr. Gandhi, who started his poll campaign in West Bengal three days before the fifth phase of the election, said the Congress's fight against the BJP is at an ideological level and the party will never back down from the fight. The Congress is part of the Samyukta Morcha, where it has entered into an

la obstrucción a la construcción de un estado plurinacional, sería una verdadera solución", explicó a **Página/12** el abogado Fernando Kosovsky, especialista en derecho de los pueblos indígenas, al respaldar la presentación de Matías Schraer, representante legal de la comunidad.

**ECUADOR, *Página 12*, 29 April 2021: Siete niñas menores de 14 años dan a luz por día en el país. En un fallo histórico, Ecuador despenalizó el aborto en casos de violación**



Ecuador se convirtió en el **sexto país de América Latina en despenalizar el aborto en casos de violación** gracias a un fallo de la Corte Constitucional. La lucha de las ecuatorianas, que durante años se manifestaron en las calles a favor de la interrupción voluntaria del embarazo por causales, tuvo su primer gran logro. **“Esto es por las 2.000 niñas que cada año paren producto de violación, porque una niña embarazada es una niña violada”**, celebraron los colectivos feministas. Ecuador es el segundo país de

**ITALY, *Le Monde (Thomas Guichard)*, 24 April 2021: Anatomie d'un naufrage qui a fait 130 morts en Méditerranée. Dans un rapport détaillé, l'ONG Alarm Phone dénonce le rejet de responsabilité côté européen et l'« incompétence » des « gardes-côtes » libyens dans la catastrophe qui s'est déroulée cette semaine.**



Les débris d'une embarcation transportant des migrants, qui a fait naufrage au large des côtes libyennes, dans la nuit du 21 au 22 avril. **FLAVIO GASPERINI / AP.** Face à eux, il y avait l'Europe et les promesses d'une autre vie. Ils n'en verront jamais les rives. Au moins 130 clandestins sont morts au sud du canal de Sicile dans la nuit du mercredi 21 au jeudi 22 avril, dans le naufrage de leur embarcation au large des côtes libyennes. Selon l'ONG Alarm Phone, ces migrants auraient pu être sauvés. Dans un rapport détaillant heure par

relatively low profile. Most Cameroonians knew little about Franck Biya, who has worked as a businessman and entrepreneur. But now, speculation is mounting that he may be preparing to take over his father's role as leader. Social media has been flooded with images of Franck Biya as he allegedly gathers support for his own political party. Some of the videos are calling for his candidacy. A group of businessmen, politicians and government allies have even formed The Frankistes Citizen Movement for the Peace and Unity of Cameroon. Led by businessman Mohamed Rahim Noumeau, they are calling on Franck Biya to run for the presidency in the next general election.

**IVORY COAST, *Radio France Internationale (By Daniel Finnan)*, 1 APRIL 2021: Cote d'Ivoire: Gbagbo Acquittal At ICC Raises Questions Over Much-Needed Court Reforms.**



© CPI. Laurent Gbagbo, l'ex-président ivoirien, lors d'une

alliance with Left parties and the Indian Secular Front for the ongoing Assembly election. Congress is contesting 92 out of the 294 Assembly seats, most of which will go to polls from the fifth to the eighth phase. “There is a big danger before you. The day BJP is able to establish its ideology in West Bengal, the State will be on fire ... The ideology of the RSS and the BJP is a danger for the State of West Bengal,” the Congress leader said at a public meeting in Darjeeling district.

**NYANMAR, *The Guardian (Sarah Johnson)*, 19 Apr 2021: Myanmar military junta arrests prominent trade union leader. Daw Myo Aye, labour organiser and a leader of civil disobedience protests, dragged from office by army.**



Soldiers in Yangon patrolling the streets by night. Thousands of people have been arrested and hundreds killed since the military junta seized power. Photograph: AFP/Getty (**Rights and freedom is supported by Humanity United**). One of Myanmar's leading trade union



Latinoamérica con mayor número de embarazos de niñas y adolescentes. Siete niñas menores de 14 años dan a luz por día en el país, de acuerdo a cifras oficiales.

**BRAZIL, Pagina 12, 29 April 2021: La sorprendente declaración del general retirado Luiz Eduardo Ramos. El jefe de gabinete de Brasil confesó que se vacunó a escondidas de Bolsonaro**

En el audio filtrado de una reunión del Consejo de Salud, Ramos dijo que intenta convencer al mandatario de ultraderecha para que también se vacune porque "su vida corre riesgo".



. Imagen: AFP

**El jefe de gabinete de Brasil, el general retirado Luiz Eduardo Ramos, confesó haber recibido la vacuna contra el coronavirus a escondidas de [Jair Bolsonaro](#), quien pese a tener más de 65 años se niega a ser inoculado.** En el audio filtrado de una reunión del Consejo de Salud, Ramos dijo que **trata de convencer al mandatario de**

heure le déroulé du drame, l'ONG impute ce naufrage au rejet de responsabilité côté européen et à l'« *incompétence* » des « *gardes-côtes* » libyens. Selon le récit d'Alarm Phone, une hotline qui recueille les appels de migrants en détresse, ses volontaires ont été contactés le matin du 21 avril par un pêcheur libyen qui se trouvait au large de Khoms, dans l'ouest du pays. Un bateau de migrants, qui aurait pris la mer vers 22 heures la veille, se trouvait alors en détresse au large. Une première alerte est envoyée par e-mail à 9 h 51 aux centres de coordination et de sauvetage des pays alentours : Italie, Libye et Malte. L'ONG a réussi à joindre le téléphone satellite embarqué sur le bateau à partir de 10 h 03. Le contact est difficile. Il y a du vent en fond. La voix qui s'exprime est hachée, et les appels systématiquement coupés. « *On ne distinguait presque que leurs appels à l'aide, nous devons reconstituer le puzzle* », se souvient Pierre (le prénom a été modifié), un volontaire basé à Berlin, qui souhaite rester anonyme. Tôt dans la matinée, les

audience devant la CPI, le 15 janvier 2019.

Judges at the International Criminal Court (ICC) on Thursday dismissed an appeal against Côte d'Ivoire's former President Laurent Gbagbo, confirming his acquittal for crimes against humanity and paving the way for his return to the West African country after almost a decade. The decision was a blow for victims' families and provoked concern among observers who say the case highlights the need for serious reform within the court system.

"This is a victory for a man, President Gbagbo, whose innocence is finally fully recognised," said Gbagbo's lawyer [Emmanuel Altit](#). "President Gbagbo always said that he believed in justice. Today, justice has been done." Gbagbo and his right-hand man Charles Blé Goudé were found not guilty of crimes against humanity in 2019 related to post-election violence in Côte d'Ivoire more than 10 years ago. Some 3,000 people were killed following [disputed results in the 2010 polls](#).

KENYA, *Voice of America* (Harun Maruf, Khadar Hared), 2 APRIL

leaders has been arrested as part of escalating attacks on pro-democracy figures by the military junta. Daw Myo Aye, director of Solidarity Trade Union of Myanmar (STUM), one of Myanmar's largest independent unions, is a central figure in the movement for workers' rights.



Daw Myo Aye, director of Solidarity Trade Union of Myanmar, who has been arrested. She has been one of the most prominent union leaders in the civil disobedience movement, which has been organising national strikes and protests since the military seized power from the democratically elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in February. Myo Aye was dragged from her office by the army last Thursday and taken to a police station where she has been charged and detained. According to the union, she is due to be transferred to a prison in Yangon. "We lost our pillar," said a member of staff at STUM. "But ... we are going to

**ultraderecha para que se vacune debido a que "su vida corre riesgo".** En el mismo encuentro el ministro de Economía, Paulo Guedes, llamó al coronavirus "virus chino" y criticó a la vacuna CoronaVac, la que más se está aplicando en Brasil. [Con el impacto de las nuevas cepas como telón de fondo, el fuerte aumento de las muertes de mujeres embarazadas por covid-19 preocupa a las autoridades. "Me di la vacuna escondido, tenía otra orientación. Como cualquier ser humano, quiero vivir", advirtió Ramos.](#) "No me avergüenzo, no. Quiero ser honesto. Si la ciencia y la medicina dicen que debo darme la vacuna, ¿quién soy yo para oponerme?", agregó el titular de la Casa Civil.

CHILE, *Página 12* (Juan Carlos Ramírez Figueroa), 29 April 2021: **El periodista chileno investigó los desfalcos hechos a la luz del sistema de las AFP. Mauricio Weibel: "Los fondos privados de pensiones son el ícono del modelo económico instaurado por Pinochet".** El autor de "La Caída de las AFP" indagó sobre los efectos de este instrumento creado por José Piñera -hermano de Sebastián Piñera- en dictadura: ilegalidad, dineros en paraísos fiscales y fraudes.

coordonnées GPS du bateau ont été transmises aux autorités maltaises, libyennes et italiennes, dans l'espoir qu'ils dépêchent un navire de la marine marchande sur la zone.

SPAIN, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: Dix-sept migrants retrouvés morts sur un bateau au large des Canaries. Tous les passagers, dont trois ont pu être sauvés, étaient des Africains subsahariens, mais la provenance de l'embarcation n'a pas été établie. Dix-sept personnes ont été retrouvées mortes sur un bateau transportant des migrants au large des îles Canaries, et trois ont été sauvées, ont annoncé, lundi 26 avril, les secours en mer espagnols. Le bateau avait d'abord été repéré par un avion de l'armée espagnole à quelque 265 milles marins (environ 500 km) au sud-est de l'île d'El Hierro, la plus petite des Canaries, et un navire de secours en mer a été envoyé dans la zone. Les trois survivants, deux hommes et une femme, ont été transportés par un hélicoptère de l'armée espagnole vers un hôpital de l'île de Tenerife, a annoncé le

2021: Kenya's Plan to Close Two Camps Worries Refugees.



Arjun Claire/MSF. The Dadaab refugee camp (file photo). The Kenya Interior Ministry's announcement last week of its intention to close two major camps has increased uncertainty for hundreds of thousands of refugees, leaving many of them distraught.

MOZAMBIQUE, *Deutsche Welle* (Cai Nebe), 6 APRIL 2021: Mozambique - Refugee Crisis Clouds Army Gains Against Islamist Insurgents.



Google Maps/screenshot. A map showing the location of Palma in northern Mozambique. *Mozambican forces claim to have retaken the ransacked town of Palma from armed Islamist fighters. Despite this success, a glaring refugee crisis looms as regional bodies dither on providing military support.* Commander Chongo Vidigal, leader of military operations to

operate with the remaining staff. We operate within the law and we provide assistance to workers in accordance with the labour law. Our organisation will not collapse because she is not here."

CAMBODIA, *The Guardian* (**Sarah Johnson**), 19 April 2021: Cambodia accused of using Covid to edge towards 'totalitarian dictatorship'. **New law means people could face 20 years in prison for lockdown breaches, as campaigners warn of 'human rights disaster'.**



A police officer stops motorists to check their documents during a 14-day lockdown in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 16 April 2021. Photograph: Cindy Liu/Reuters (**Global development is supported by Bill & Melinda Gates foundation**). Cambodians who break Covid rules could face 20 years in prison under a new law that human rights groups say takes the country "a step towards a totalitarian dictatorship". Prime



**Una contundente derrota para el gobierno del empresario Sebastián Piñera fue el rechazo del Tribunal Constitucional a revisar el proyecto del tercer retiro del 10% de las Administradoras de Fondos de Pensiones (AFP) que ya había sido aprobado por el Congreso de Chile. Esto se suma al inicio de la revisión en el Congreso de una reforma constitucional para establecer un impuesto a los “súper ricos” para establecer una renta básica de emergencia (aunque sólo por una vez). Para un país sumergido hace meses en una crisis institucional, sanitaria y económica, que el propio presidente se haya negado al retiro del dinero que los propios ciudadanos han ido ahorrando era un error político que el fallo del TC ratificó. De hecho, desde ayer que está reunido con su comité de emergencia y donde diversas fuentes coinciden en que el gobierno está más quebrado incluso más que el 18 de octubre de 2019 cuando comenzaron las protestas masivas en lo que se conoció como el “Estallido Social” que arrojó decenas de muertos, 500 jóvenes con daño ocular producto de**

service local des secours. Un homme parmi eux se trouvait dans un état grave, souffrant de « déshydratation sévère », selon la même source.

UE-TURKEY, *Le Monde (Virginie Malingre)*, 27 April 2021: « Sofagate » : le plaidoyer implacable d’Ursula von der Leyen pour les femmes. La présidente de la Commission européenne est revenue devant le Parlement sur l’incident d’Ankara en contredisant Charles Michel, le président du Conseil européen.



La présidente de la Commission européenne, Ursula von der Leyen, à Bruxelles, le 26 avril. JOHANNA GERON / REUTERS. Avant de faire son discours, Ursula von der Leyen a salué, en souriant, Charles Michel, le président du Conseil européen, auquel elle succédait devant les eurodéputés, lundi 26 avril. La présidente de la Commission l’a ensuite superbement ignoré,

regain control of Palma, told state television TVM that a "significant" number of militants had since been killed in the fighting and that the area was now "safe." He, however, stopped short of declaring that the army had regained complete control. "There was always strong perceptions that the Sunni extremist group was not necessarily that intent on actually holding Palma," Ryan Cummings, director for Africa-focused political and security risk management consultancy, Signal Risk, told DW. Cummings said the insurgents were unwilling to utilize what would have been significant human resources, equipment, and other resources to stave off a counter-insurgency operation by the Mozambican government. According to the security analyst, the government retaking Palma is potentially due to a militant group's strategic retreat. "Once the town is essentially ransacked of supplies, banks have been sacked, food supplies have been taken, then the insurgents tend to kind of melt away."

EQUATORIAL GUINEA-VATICAN,

minister Hun Sen warned that Cambodia was “on the brink of death” as a **two-week lockdown was imposed in Phnom Penh** on Thursday to try to control the spread of the virus. The law means those convicted could face fines of up to \$5,000 (£3,627) as well as prison terms, and grants the government the power to ban or restrict any gathering or demonstration indefinitely. “For the Cambodian people, the Covid-19 pandemic has been not only a public health and economic tragedy, but also a human rights disaster courtesy of a government determined to move the country step by step towards totalitarian dictatorship,” said Phil Robertson, deputy director of the Asia division at Human Rights Watch.

UEA, *The Guardian (Reuters in Geneva)*, 20 April 2021: Release Dubai’s Princess Latifa, UN experts tell UAE. **Statement comes two months after BBC video in which Dubai ruler’s daughter said she was being held hostage.**

los disparos al rostro de carabineros y un plebiscito donde se aprobó el cambio de la Constitución. Y tal como el TC es reconocido como uno de los enclaves autoritarios que dejó la dictadura de Pinochet y que permite “atajar” cualquier ley aprobada por el Congreso, la otra institución heredada de la Constitución de 1980 — que deberá comenzar a reescribirse tras la elección de los constituyentes este 15 y 16 de mayo— son las AFP. Un instrumento creado nada menos que por el hermano del presidente, José Piñera que permite a diversas empresas privadas invertir con el dinero depositado obligatoriamente por los trabajadores para retirar en la jubilación. Un intrincado sistema que, en términos simples, hace a los cotizantes elegir distintos tipos de fondos de mayor o menor riesgos y las administradoras cuyos propietarios son norteamericanos (Cuprum, ProVida), italianos (Plan Vital), colombianos (Capital), chilenos (Modelo, Uno) y chileno-estadounidense (Habitat) que a su vez permiten a otras empresas o holdings “jugar” con ese dinero en el mercado. Por supuesto, los cotizantes no participan de las ganancias, pero si de las pérdidas, dando como resultado jubilaciones

pour revenir sur l'épisode appelé le « sofagate » – le 6 avril, à Ankara, où ils étaient reçus par Recep Tayyip Erdogan, des chaises avaient été préparées pour les deux hommes, et l'ancienne ministre d'Angela Merkel s'était retrouvée à l'écart, sur un canapé. Elle s'est ensuite lancée dans un vibrant plaidoyer pour l'égalité entre les hommes et les femmes, à l'occasion duquel elle n'a pas prononcé un seul nom masculin et a évoqué plusieurs personnalités féminines, dont la vice-présidente américaine, Kamala Harris, ou la cofondatrice de BioNTech, Özlem Türeci. « *Je suis la première femme à présider la Commission européenne. Je suis la présidente de la Commission. Et j'espérais être traitée comme telle lorsque je me suis rendue en Turquie il y a deux semaines* », a-t-elle commencé. « *Mais cela n'a pas été le cas, et c'est arrivé parce que je suis une femme* », a renchéri la présidente de l'exécutif communautaire, réduisant en pièces les arguments qu'avait avancés Charles Michel quelques minutes plus tôt. Le président du Conseil européen, qui

*Il Fatto Quotidiano* ([Cornelia Toelgyes](#)), 14 April 2021: **Il figlio e vice del tiranno che opprime la Guinea Equatoriale in visita dal Papa. Ha le mani sporche di sangue e derubato le casse pubbliche del suo Paese**, ciononostante il vicepresidente della Guinea Equatoriale, Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue, nonché figlio del presidente Teodoro Obiang, sanguinario dittatore al potere dal 1979, e suo vice, è stato ricevuto in un'udienza privata da Papa Bergoglio venerdì, 9 aprile. **Nota come Teodorino, il figlio 53enne del tiranno**, delfino designato che dovrebbe prendere il posto del genitore, è noto in mezzo mondo per le sue scorribande: riciclaggio di denaro, traffico di droga, affari poco puliti. TANZANIA, *The Guardian* ([Samuel Okiror](#)), 14 April 2021: 'We cannot drink oil': campaigners condemn east African pipeline project. **Activists say the 'heart of Africa' line shipping crude from Uganda to Tanzania is unnecessary and poses a huge**



In the BBC video published in February, Sheikhha Latifa described how she was being held against her will at a villa. Photograph: BBC Panorama UN experts have demanded that the United Arab Emirates provide information about a daughter of Dubai's ruler and release her, two months after [the BBC published a video of Princess Latifa](#) describing herself as a hostage in a villa. [The UAE said on 19 February](#) that Sheikhha Latifa was being cared for at home, after the United Nations human rights office headed by Michelle Bachelet asked for proof that she was alive amid growing international concern about her fate. "We are alarmed that, following the public release in February of footage in which Sheikhha Latifa reported being deprived of her liberty against her will, and the subsequent official request for further information on her situation, no concrete information has been provided by the authorities," the independent UN

bajas y que no se condicen con lo ahorrado. Por cierto, Las fuerzas armadas y carabineros tienen un sistema de pensiones distinto hasta el día de hoy. El periodista **Mauricio Weibel**, se sumergió en este sistema en el libro *La Caída de las AFP* (Aguilar) pero no tanto en su estructura sino en sus efectos: ilegalidad, dineros en paraísos fiscales y fraudes. Sus primeras páginas son reveladoras: una ex jefa de beneficios de Provida que había trabajado durante 28 años exigía recibir su pensión de invalidez. Llevaba dos años postrada, sin recibir el pago de su licencia médica y la AFP tenía la orden expresa de evitar que sus afiliados obtuvieran esa pensión, aunque el caso fuera terminal. Y por supuesto su intento, abogado mediante, fue rechazado. Un tipo de práctica totalmente normal en este sistema.

PERU, *Pagina 12*, 29 April 2021: **Twitter estalló tras la propuesta de Pedro Castillo a Keiko Fujimori. Debate en Chota, el desafío electoral en Perú que se volvió viral en Argentina.**

n'avait pas fait un geste pour lui assurer un meilleur traitement lors de la visite à Ankara, avait pour sa part parlé d'un « *incident protocolaire* », rappelant que ses services n'avaient pas eu accès à la salle avant la rencontre et que la Commission n'avait envoyé personne sur place. L'ancien premier ministre belge s'était ensuite justifié de n'être pas intervenu en laissant sa place à M<sup>me</sup> von der Leyen ou en exigeant une troisième chaise: il ne souhaitait « *pas créer un incident politique [qu'il a] pensé plus grave encore* ».

## environmental risk.



Patrick Pouyanné of Total; Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan, and President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda after signing agreements for the controversial pipeline. Photograph: Courtesy of Total – Uganda (**Global development is supported by Bill & Melinda Gates foundation**). Activists have accused French and Chinese oil firms of ignoring huge environmental risks after the signing of accords on the controversial construction of a £2.5bn oil pipeline. Uganda, Tanzania and the oil companies Total and CNOOC signed three key agreements on Sunday that pave the way for construction to start on the planned east African crude oil pipeline (EACOP). But on Tuesday [a letter signed by 38 civil society organisations](#) across both east African countries said the parties had failed to address

human rights experts said in a joint statement.

INDIA, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: L'aide internationale arrive en Inde, submergée par le Covid-19. Depuis plusieurs jours, le rebond soudain de l'épidémie a fait exploser le système de santé du pays, qui manque de matériel pour contenir la déferlante de morts et de contaminations.



Une femme pleure la mort d'un proche, à Jammu, en Inde, dimanche 25 avril. CHANNI ANAND / AP. L'aide internationale promise à l'Inde, submergée par une seconde vague épidémique dévastatrice, a commencé à arriver avec de premières cargaisons de matériel médical et d'oxygène en provenance de Grande-Bretagne, mardi 27 avril au matin à New Delhi. L'Inde a annoncé 352 991 nouvelles contaminations et 2 812 morts lundi, dernier record d'une triste série alors que le personnel de santé et les familles de malades sont



Aunque en la Argentina hay una importante comunidad peruana, las **elecciones presidenciales de Perú** no concitan mayor atención en el público argentino. Pero la polisemia hizo lo suyo: **Pedro Castillo** desafió a un debate en **Chota**, su tierra natal, a su adversaria **Keiko Fujimori**, y los tuiteros argentinos estallaron. "Acepto el reto de Pedro Castillo para debatir en Chota, pero yo pongo hora y fecha". Así reaccionó la candidata presidencial ante el desafío del ganador de la primera vuelta. Lo que propuso Castillo fue que antes de los dos debates organizados por el Jurado Nacional de Elecciones hubiese uno en Chota. El postulante de la izquierda es oriundo de esa ciudad, ubicada a 2.388 metros de altura en la región de Cajamarca. La hija del expresidente Alberto Fujimori aceptó el cruce y remató su tuit con una chicana: "No te corras, Pedro, no te corras".

COLOMBIA, *Página 12* (Juan Manuel Boccacci), 29 April 2021: **Movilizaciones, cacerolazos y plantones**

environmental concerns over the pipeline and had steamrollered over court and parliamentary processes. Work is expected to begin this year on what would be the world's longest electrically heated pipeline, which will move crude oil from fields near Lake Albert in western Uganda 900 miles to Tanzania's Indian Ocean seaport of Tanga. Uganda's crude oil is highly viscous, so it must be heated to be kept liquid enough to flow. Uganda's president, Yoweri Museveni, and his Tanzanian counterpart, Samia Suluhu Hassan, witnessed the signing of agreements between shareholders, host governments, and on tariff and transport between EACOP and the Lake Albert oil shippers. Uganda discovered reserves of crude near Lake Albert on its border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in 2006, and the landlocked country wants a pipeline to transport oil to international markets. "These agreements open the way for the commencement of the Lake Albert

désespérément en quête d'approvisionnement en oxygène et de places dans les hôpitaux. Pendant ce temps, les premières cargaisons d'aide médicale britannique, dont 100 ventilateurs et 95 concentrateurs d'oxygène, sont arrivées, a annoncé le ministère des affaires étrangères indien. Son porte-parole, Arindam Bagchi, a tweeté des photos de ce matériel en train d'être déchargé d'un vol de la Lufthansa à Delhi, en saluant un exemple de coopération internationale.

**en todo el país. Paro Nacional en Colombia contra la reforma tributaria de Iván Duque.** El presidente presentó en el Congreso un proyecto de reforma tributaria con dos ejes centrales: aumento del IVA y ampliación de la base impositiva sobre los salarios. La medida generó el rechazo de entidades sindicales, organizaciones sociales, estudiantiles. “Contra el paquetazo de Iván Duque”, sostiene la convocatoria al paro del "28A".



Protesta en Bogotá contra la reforma tributaria. Imagen: AFP. El presidente de Colombia **Iván Duque** presentó en el Congreso un **proyecto de reforma tributaria** con dos ejes centrales: **aumento del IVA y ampliación de la base impositiva sobre los salarios**. La medida no podría haber sido peor recibida por la sociedad. Duque logró unificar a un conglomerado de organizaciones sindicales, indígenas, estudiantiles, partidos políticos y de pymes, que organizaron un **paro nacional** este miércoles con **movilizaciones en todo el país**. Rechazan que el gobierno **financie**

development project,” Total said in a statement on Monday. “The main engineering, procurement and construction contracts will be awarded shortly, and construction will start. First oil export is planned in early 2025.” The oil will come from two projects – the Tilenga project, operated by Total, and the Kingfisher project, operated by CNOOC, which together are expected to produce up to 230,000 barrels a day. Government geologists estimate total reserves at 6bn barrels. However, Diana Nabiruma, of the [Africa Institute for Energy Governance](#) (AFIEGO), told the Guardian: “It is concerning that major agreements are being signed and the companies are being given the go-ahead to award contracts and start developing the Lake Albert oil project. “The oil projects pose major environmental risks. Resources, some shared with countries such as the DRC, Tanzania and Kenya, including Lake Albert as well as Lake Victoria and rivers, are at risk of oil pollution,” she said.

**la crisis del covid-19 tocando los ingresos de la clase media y los sectores populares.** Además, reclaman que se **eliminen los beneficios a las grandes empresas.** En suma, una crítica al modelo neoliberal, del cual Colombia es uno de sus grandes exponentes en Latinoamérica. **Contra el "paquetazo"**. La noche anterior al 28A, como denominaron a este paro sus organizadores, la Justicia intentó frenar la medida de fuerza. El Tribunal Administrativo de Cundinamarca (departamento al que pertenece Bogotá) había ordenado suspender las marchas. Sin embargo, el **Comité Nacional del Paro (CNP)** que aglutina a más de 50 organizaciones sindicales y sociales, mantuvo la convocatoria. **“Por la paz, por la vida, por la democracia y contra el paquetazo de Iván Duque”**, es el lema con el que convocaron, pidiendo que se cumplan las medidas de bioseguridad, ya que Colombia se encuentra en **plena tercera ola del coronavirus.** Desde temprano se vieron columnas de personas marchando por las calles de Bogotá, Cali y Medellín. Hubo cortes de rutas y movilizaciones que tuvieron como destino edificios gubernamentales.



A globe at Uganda’s Murchison Falls national park. Activists fear the 900-mile pipeline poses risks to water resources and fisheries. Photograph: Yasuyoshi Chiba/AFP/Getty  
“The resources support the fisheries, tourism and other economic activities. They are also important for food and water security. They therefore must be conserved.”

CHAD, *The Guardian* (**Jason Burke**), 20 April 2021: Chad’s president Idriss Déby dies ‘on battlefield’, military says. **Déby had ruled for 30 years and won a sixth term in elections last week.**



Mientras tanto el presidente habló durante un evento donde se conmemoró un año desde el ingreso de Colombia a la Organización para la Cooperación y el Desarrollo Económicos (OCDE). Allí se mostró dispuesto al diálogo.

**“Como Gobierno queremos construir consensos con el Congreso, sin líneas rojas, pensando en los ingresos que establezcan finanzas y manteniendo la protección a los más vulnerables por el tiempo que sea necesario”**, sostuvo el mandatario.



Idriss Déby watching a rally in N’Djamena in 2016. Photograph:

Claire Soares/Reuters.

Idriss Déby, the veteran president of Chad, has died, national radio in the central African state has said. A statement from the military said the 68-year-old ruler, in power for 30 years, had been killed “on the battlefield” after being injured fighting rebels but gave no further details. Déby last week won a sixth term in presidential elections. The poll prompted an invasion by a Libya-based rebel group called the Force for Change and Concord

in [Chad](#) (Fact), which military officials had said was repulsed at the weekend. Officials had said the veteran politician would not give a victory speech after the polls because he had travelled to the frontlines to take charge of military operations. “He died as he lived, as a free man, with a weapon in his hand,”

Abderrahman Koulamallah, a former rebel and presidential adviser, [told French radio network RFI](#).

Reports from N'Djamena, the capital, suggested that in the wake of Déby's death, parliament has been dissolved and the government replaced by a transitional military council led by Déby's 37-year-old son Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, a general.

NIGERIA, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: Nord-est du Nigeria: au moins trente et un militaires tués dans une embuscade djihadiste. Une vingtaine de véhicules de l'Etat islamique en Afrique de l'Ouest a attaqué un convoi militaire dans la périphérie de Maiduguri, capitale de l'Etat du Borno.



De gauche à droite: le chef d'état-major de l'armée de terre, le chef d'état-major de la défense, le chef d'état-major de l'air et le chef d'état-major de l'air, lors des opérations militaires Lafiya Dole à Maiduguri, au Nigeria, le 31 janvier 2021. Au moins trente et un militaires ont été tués dimanche 25 avril sur une route du nord-est du [Nigeria](#) où des

		<p>djihadistes liés au groupe Etat islamique (EI) ont tendu une embuscade à leur convoi, ont indiqué lundi matin deux responsables militaires ayant requis l'anonymat. Une vingtaine de véhicules de combattants de l'Etat islamique en Afrique de l'Ouest (Is wap) ont attaqué dimanche vers midi (11 heures GMT) ce convoi militaire dans la localité de Mainok, située dans la périphérie de Maiduguri, capitale de l'Etat du Borno, épice ntre de l'insurrection djihadiste dans le nord-est du pays qui dure depuis plus de dix ans. « <i>Dans l'embuscade des terroristes, nous avons perdu trente et un soldats, dont leur commandant qui était un lieutenant-colonel</i> », a déclaré un officier de l'armée sous le couvert de l'anonymat. Le convoi acheminait des armes vers Maiduguri lorsqu'il a été attaqué, a déclaré une deuxième source militaire qui a donné un bilan similaire. « <i>Les terroristes sont arrivés dans plusieurs camions, dont quatre véhicules blindés et ont engagé le convoi dans une bataille féroce</i> », a déclaré le second officier. Les djihadistes ont fait « <i>pleuvoir</i> » des roquettes sur le convoi</p>	
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et ont submergé les soldats, entraînant des « *pertes colossales*, a-t-il affirmé. *Nous avons perdu beaucoup d'hommes de manière horrible.* »

SOMALIA, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: « La Somalie est au bord de l'effondrement » : à Mogadiscio, la crise politique fait craindre le pire. Des miliciens antigouvernementaux ont pris position dans des fiefs de l'opposition, qui conteste la prolongation de deux ans du mandat du président « Farmajo ».



Des militaires favorables aux leaders de l'opposition, à Mogadiscio, le 25 avril 2021. - / AFP. Le déploiement dans des quartiers de Mogadiscio de miliciens loyaux à des dirigeants de l'opposition, lundi 26 avril, marque une nouvelle escalade dans la crise politique en [Somalie](#), dont l'histoire récente est jalonnée de violences. Ces miliciens armés et des véhicules équipés de mitrailleuses ont pris

		<p>position dans des fiefs de l'opposition à Mogadiscio, au lendemain d'échanges de tirs avec les forces somaliennes de sécurité lors d'une manifestation de partisans de l'opposition contre l'extension du mandat du président Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, dit « Farmajo ». Des tirs sporadiques, entendus dans la nuit, semblaient avoir cessé lundi. Mais des barrages ont été érigés dans certains quartiers et des habitants fuyaient, craignant de nouveaux affrontements. Le mandat de quatre ans du président Farmajo a expiré le 8 février sans que des élections aient pu se tenir. Les députés ont voté le 12 avril la prolongation de deux ans du mandat du président et de son gouvernement, le temps d'organiser des élections présidentielle et législatives. Cette prolongation, promulguée par le président, a été qualifiée d'inconstitutionnelle, notamment par le président du Sénat, dont la chambre n'a pas pu examiner le texte. L'opposition, qui considère l'autorité de Farmajo comme illégitime depuis le 8 février, dénonce un stratagème du président et de ses alliés pour se maintenir au pouvoir. La décision d'étendre son</p>	
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mandat place Farmajo en opposition frontale à des rivaux politiques influents et armés, mais aussi aux puissances occidentales qui soutiennent son fragile gouvernement.

ETHIOPIA, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: Ethiopie: Washington appelle les troupes érythréennes à se retirer du Tigré. Lors d'un entretien avec le premier ministre Abiy Ahmed, le secrétaire d'Etat Antony Blinken a exprimé sa « profonde inquiétude » face au « désastre humanitaire » dans la région. Le secrétaire d'Etat américain, Antony Blinken, a exhorté [l'Ethiopie](#), lundi 26 avril, à réagir face à l'aggravation du « *désastre humanitaire* » au Tigré, où le risque de famine est élevé. [...]. Le chef de la diplomatie américaine a également appelé les troupes érythréennes à se retirer « *immédiatement, complètement et de manière vérifiable* ». L'[Erythrée](#) a reconnu ce mois-ci pour la première fois une présence de ses forces armées au Tigré et a

		<p>promis un retrait de celles-ci. Les militaires venant d'Erythrée et de la région éthiopienne de l'Amhara « <i>contribuent au désastre humanitaire croissant et commettent des violations des droits humains</i> », affirme le communiqué.</p>	
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